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A Question of Values

I am twenty-five cents.

I am not on speaking terms with the butcher.

I am too small to buy a quart of ice cream.

I am not large enough to purchase a box of candy.

I can not be exchanged for a gallon of gasoline.

I am too small to buy a ticket to a movie.

I am hardly fit for a tip, But—Believe me, When I pay a year's dues to the Luther League of America I am considered

SOME MONEY!

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A Summer Conference in Japan

By MARION POTTS

I WONDER whether any of you could match in uniqueness a conference I attended this summer—a Christian conference in a Shinto monastery. Shinto, as you perhaps know, is the State religion of Japan.

Perched high up on the side of a mountain and approached by several long flights of moss-covered stone steps is a cluster of old buildings, consisting of a group of shrines and a Shinto monastery. In this old monastery for several years past a number of women Christian workers have met each summer for three days to discuss the problems that confront them in Japan. The attendance, outside the leaders of the conference, is restricted to those who have been out from one to five years. In all, there were over seventy of us in attendance this year.

We started together from Karuizawa (the summer rendevous for missionaries), taking with us our bedding and provisions enough to last three days, for in order to have foreign food, it was necessary to bring our own supplies and cook, too, for that matter. An hour and a quarter's ride brought us to Matsuida, the railway-town nearest the shrine, which was three miles distant. Several then took jinrikishas from the station, but most of us preferred to walk. The whole town turned out to see us, for a party of seventy foreign women parading down their main street was a sight not to be missed.

After we had left the town, we could forget the embarrassment of being stared at and could give ourselves up to the beauty of the scenery about us. Our road lay, for the most part, through fields of mulberry trees, on the leaves of which the silk-worm feeds. Before us rose a line of jagged peaks, sharply outlined against a soft evening sky. These peaks were originally the ribs of an ancient volcano, but now covered to their highest point with green vegetation. One of these mountains, Kakuunsan (White Cloud Mountain) was our destination. By the time we reached it darkness and fatigue had overtaken us. The shrine, as I mentioned before, is perched on the side of the mountain and approached by a long series of stone steps. Up these we stumbled, wondering when they would ever come to an end. Finally passing through a great stone gateway, formed by two upright pillars crossed by two transverse bars (the distinguishing mark of every Shinto shrine), we found ourselves at the entrance to the monastery and our journey's end. Removing our shoes according to the custom o entering a Japanese house, we stepped u on the polished floor of the hallway, an breathed a sigh of relief that we had last arrived. Except for a few rooms o cupied by a priest or two who remained i the monastery, the entire building (of on story only) was at our disposal.

That night marked for many of us ou first experience of a Japanese bed, merel a thickly padded quilt spread out on th floor. The floor of a Japanese room, how ever, is not of hard wood, as ours, but con sists of straw mats several inches thic covered with matting and bound along the length with black banding. These mats a regularly about three by six feet; so whe we speak of the size of a Japanese roo we say it is a three or six or eight ma room, never is it so many feet long by many wide. The room in which most of slept — that is, about fifty of us — was huge one and open on two sides. We awo next morning to find ourselves looking on one side, into a magnificent grove cryptomeria trees, and on the other sid out across a beautiful valley to mountai beyond. The room in which we slept ha to be our meeting room also; so since the were no chairs of any description whatev we rolled our beds up and sat on thos Our meals were eaten in another roo from tables about a foot from the floor.

Our program included Bible study an talks and round-table discussions of soci problems, personal problems, and person work. The talks on social service we most interesting and revealed Japan's ap palling need for that social work whi always follows in the wake of Christianit Particularly is there need among wom and children. Osaka, the Pittsburgh Japan, has the highest rate for infant mo tality of any city in the world. One of t Osaka missionaries told how she had beg translating into Japanese the "Better Ba bies" posters published in the *Woman' Home Companion* several years ago. O of the city doctors heard of what she w doing, asked to see the posters and becam very much interested. As a result, Osa has begun baby clinics, and has had a "b ter babies" campaign. Another missionar told how the opportunity to do Christia work in the hospitals of her city ca through a cooking class. An epidemic o typhoid had broken out among the soldi stationed in the city. The hospital was f and the men were dying every day chi

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Missionary Department

"Go ye therefore into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

DEAR LUTHER LEAGUERS:

I have accepted the call of the Executive Committee to become Missionary Secretary because I am ready to do my best to help rally the young manhood and womanhood of the United Lutheran Church to take a more definite part in building the kingdom of God. The kingdom almost waits for the determined consecration of youth.

Christ lived and died on Calvary as a young man. It was young blood that He shed. Wherever His kingdom extends and wherever He wants it to extend, there He calls for red-blooded young men and women to give their prayers, time and money for His unselfish work.

The kingdom of God is the greatest single thought that can enter one's mind. And so I noted in my paper on "The Definite Missionary Objective of the Luther League," which appeared in a recent issue of the REVIEW, "To show young people that they can be stones in the wall of God's kingdom . . . to sanctify their very existence."

We hear much today about and we make many prayers for world peace. They tell us another war with fighting implements so scientific will simply destroy civilization. It is my firm conviction that world peace is but a by-product of the kingdom of God. Men will quit fighting when they really want to do so. The Spirit of the Prince of Peace can make even a savage love his fellowman. What effect could this Prince have on so-called civilized nations if He but had a chance? Don't you agree with me that the young men and women who will suffer most if another war comes are doing the most patriotic thing possible when they consecrate themselves to the spreading of the kingdom of the Prince of Peace?

And we read much about lawlessness in America. Some newspapers and some pessimists blame the stringency of the Volstead act, the inefficiency of juries, the lack of courage in prosecuting attorneys and judges, and the plain disinterestedness of so many people. These charges are seriously worth considering. But, again, my Luther League friends, men will not obey laws until they really want to do so. Many a law violator is convicted, but, from current reports, many are not. Law in itself is purely negative. There is very little positive inspiration about a court house. All law can do is to put on the brakes. Something else is necessary to make things go. We need moral inspiration. Doing Christ's work, associating in His name and being His friend will furnish it.

This is a time when almost everybody is going to some kind of a school. Had you ever thought how many young folks go to night schools? So often education is purely practical and quite frequently even in our best colleges young men and women graduate without any real motives or great ideals in their lives. When Theodore Roosevelt went to college, he taught a Sunday school class of boys in Sunday school. I believe this helped to keep him awake to the real meaning of education and life. Don't you agree with me that the Luther League Missionary program can help high school and college folks to keep unselfish, Christ-like and interested in the kingdom of God?

And then there is friendship. There are no better friends anywhere than we can make in doing the Master's work. To meet each other at conventions, to share in the associations of each week's local meeting, to unite our hearts to do real things for Christ—that makes friendship for time and eternity. I noticed two men in church a few Sundays ago, sitting next to each other, one of whom sang tenor and the other bass. They were "chording" beautifully with each other. They were closer together whether they thought so or not because they were singing the same tune and their notes harmonized. So our hearts can be blended in the finest friendship while singing Christ's

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Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business."

Report Results.

For reasons best known to themselves no small number of State League presidents have given a deaf ear to our requests asking them to have State Life Service secretaries elected or appointed. Happily, some of those States had wide-awake local and district presidents who planned Life Service Decision Day for December 30. We have all reason to believe that some splendid results will be achieved, but not what would have resulted had *co-operation* been in the system of more League officers.

Please return the signed cards to our office promptly. Write us the plans you carried out. Give us suggestions for future plans. Experience is always a splendid teacher.

We would call the attention of all Leaguers to the December, 1923, issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Work*. The entire issue is worthy your study; from editorial to treasurer's report you will find thoughts which stimulate and help. Study especially Dr. Cronk's article on "Our Stewardship"; Literary Notes, page 467; Young Women's Page, pages 470 to 472, and the Monthly Program, pages 475 to 477. You will in these pages find helpful material and worthwhile suggestions for your life service work in the League.

Perhaps your League is one of those which failed to carry out Life Decision Day on December 30. Why not unite with your Missionary Societies and plan for a January Union League-Missionary Society enlistment talk? Talk this over with your pastor and missionary officers. Help make your League more than a "gab-fest." Do not forget it is "of," "by" and "for" the Church.

Our Board of Education has published some new pamphlets which Leaguers should have, study and use. Among them are "The Conservation of Our Boys" and "Four Factors in a Pressing Problem." Perhaps your pastor has these; if not, 212-213 Evangelical Building, Harrisburg, Pa., does have them.

Finding the Open Door.

The Master who gave His unqualified unlimited commission—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"—could easily have qualified and limited it, if He had not meant that it should be unqualified and unlimited.

We have no more right to conclude that only a few Christians are called to go into all the world to preach the Gospel than we have to assume that the only door of obedience to His commission is entered by the actual purchase of a steamship ticket for some foreign port.

Our churches should lay on the heart of every member the individual obligation of the great commission, then help each one to find his open door of opportunity. League age is the proper time to begin thinking in earnest about this open door.

Principles and Methods.

Principles.—1. No Christian should decide on his life work without giving first consideration to direct missionary service in the home or foreign field.

2. Those who decide they cannot go in person have no less responsibility for the salvation of the world than do those who actually sail on ships or travel by rail. Whatever a Christian's place of residence may be, his purpose must be a missionary purpose.

3. It is the responsibility and the opportunity of the Church to help each member find the door of responsibility through which he can best give his answer to his Master's "Go ye."

Methods.—1. By regular and systematic teaching in the Sunday School, each scholar may be brought to face individual responsibility for life service.

2. In the missionary organizations for the children and young people of the church the stress should be laid quietly and persis-

ently on the consecration of both life and money, rather than on "raising money."

3. Special vocational meetings for high school boys and girls may include the presentation of the missionary calling, with its many phases of industrial, medical and agricultural work. Frequently, a series of vocational lectures or talks is given with no mention of missionary opportunity. Activity on the part of the missionary leadership of the community might have resulted in the inclusion of "The Missionary" under list of topics on vocations to be presented.

4. Denominational student secretaries may mail bulletins and other literature to all of their high school and college students.

5. Communities or the individual churches may arrange special luncheons or suppers to which various groups—doctors, nurses and teachers—may be invited to consider a program of special needs.

6. Students in colleges should have:

(a) The best missionary speakers obtainable during the year.

(b) A schedule of mission study classes.

(c) Opportunity to attend national, district and State student missionary conventions.

(d) Missionary guests of various nationalities.

(e) Missionary posters and charts on the wall.

(f) Missionary books in the library and missionary magazines and leaflets in reading rooms.

(g) Missionary prayer circles.

(h) A program of actual community and missionary service.

The above principles and methods hold true not only for distinctive missionary work we will, however, be missionaries whatever our work if we are genuinely Christian), but for every other phase of distinctive Christian life work. Keep the entire field of life work before *all* the young people, whether Leaguers or no.—*Adapted from Missionary Review of the World.*

Here Am I. Send Me.

Shall we call on impression to express itself in a volunteer declaration for life service? Is that a new and novel method to be avoided because of possible over-emotionalism?

There was quite a bit of emotion in that call of old, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" and the deepest emotion of a courageous young heart in the answering volunteer declaration, "Here am I, send me."

The straightforward response which clear-visioned youth always gives to the straightforward challenge of world need calls for no manufactured emotionalism.

A geography teacher told of a great need in Ceylon. Eight year old Eliza Agnew said, "Here am I, send me."

A Sunday School superintendent read a call for workers from the South Sea Island. James Chalmers answered, "Here am I, send me."

A young student whom every one expected to be a great lawyer read the life of David Brainerd with its sounding call for consecration of life, and Henry Martyn spoke his answer, "Here am I, send me."

John Scudder faced "The Claims of Six Hundred Millions and the Ability and Duty of the Churches Respecting Them," and, giving up his lucrative medical practice in New York, he gave answer, "Here am I, send me."

We do not well if we fail to present in pamphlets, in books, through personal conversation and public address, the call for the expression of consecrated life in a declaration of purpose.

Every year hundreds of Christian young people enter other callings without having definitely faced the call to one of the various forms of distinctively Christian life service. Even if men and women are never commissioned as missionaries to either the home or foreign field, or ordained to be pastors, or consecrated as deaconesses, they will be better Christians wherever they may serve for having definitely faced the decision.

A Strong Appeal.

To the feminine members of the Luther League here is an unusually strong appeal in behalf of one of the most urgent fields of distinctive Christian service.

Do You Know

1. That more than 45,000 patients are admitted every year by Lutheran hospitals in this country? *Who does the nursing?*

2. That fully 2,200 weary men and women are guests of the Church in her Homes for the Aged? *Who has become a daughter to them?*

3. That about 4,200 orphans and other homeless children are provided for by the Church in her eighty-one Homes for Children? *Who has to be a mother to them?*

4. That thousands upon thousands of baptized members of our Church are straying and being lost, yet could be regained if sought? *Who goes after them?*

5. That much suffering of mind and body remains unrelieved, and many souls are lost for lack of workers? *Do you care?*

6. That the Church trains young women for all this work free of cost? *Why not you?*

7. That our Philadelphia Motherhouse has seventeen distinct kinds of work and can

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Methods

LUTHER LEAGUE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

I resolve, and, with the help of God, I will execute these resolutions:

I WILL be more faithful in the use of the Means of Grace, be more conscientious in studying my Bible, in attending church and Holy Communion.

I WILL be more charitable in all my dealings with my brethren and fellow men.

I WILL be more faithful in confessing my Saviour always and everywhere.

I WILL be a missionary for my Church and Saviour. I will speak of my Church, work for my Church, give for my Church, and pray for my Church.

I WILL be a loyal Christian, a loyal Lutheran, a loyal Leaguer.

I WILL pray without ceasing.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN 1924 IN THE LUTHER LEAGUE?

An attender or an absentee?
A power or a problem?
A promoter or a provoker?
A giver or a getter?
A doer or a deadhead?
A booster or a knocker?
A lifter or a leaner?
A supporter or a sponger?
A soldier or a slacker?
A pillar or a sleeper?
A wing or a weight?
A goer or a gadder?

FOURTEEN WAYS TO KILL YOUR LEAGUE.

1. Don't come.
2. If you do come, come late.
3. When you come, come with a grouch.
4. Every time you come ask yourself, "What is there in it for me?"
5. Never accept responsibility. It is easier to stand on the sidelines and find fault with other people's work.
6. Visit other Leagues about half the time, to show your crowd that you are your own boss. Nothing like a little independence to make people appreciate you.
7. Let the president do all the work. He's got the honor.
8. Sit well back, and don't sing. If you do sing, get off the key and drag the tempo a little.
9. Never pay your dues until asked. Wai until you've had your money's worth. The wait a bit longer.
10. Never encourage the leader. If b accident you do happen to enjoy a meeting keep that fact to yourself. No use givin folks the swelled head.
11. It is a good idea to tell any chanc visitors that your League is a fizzle; the might be some time finding it out, unles you put them wise.
12. Of course you can't be expected to g new members for such a League as yours.
13. If the League happens to be harm nious just now, you can easily describe condition as indifference, or lack of zeal, absence of pep, or anything else except wh it is.
14. If your League happens to have a f unselfish workers who try to keep it goi make a lot of noise about the League bei run by a clique.

If all these methods fail the first time, second time around is almost sure to p duce the desired result.

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Some Variety Meetings:

A Clipping Meeting—where for a mo these clippings are used. The first me ing clippings are read; second week, clipping is told in one's own words; next, the story as given in the clipping with an addition of some original mater and the last week, something original on same subject given. These clippings are d tributed to each member, and as each o is doing the same thing, it is an excell plan in training timid members.

A Torch Light Meeting. As each nu ber on program is given, the speaker lig a candle from the leader's candle, a afterward the society, with flash-lights, peat the meeting at the home of some sh in.

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As the train neared the city the colo porter approached the jovial faced gen man, saying with a smile, "Shall Ah bru you off, suh?"

"No," he replied; "I prefer to get off the usual manner."—*Princeton Tiger.*

The Social Meeting

INASMUCH as the theme of the missionary topics this year is Japan, and the whole Church will be thinking about Japan, while we study the textbook, "Japan on the Upward Trail," both in the Luther League Reading Course and in the Missionary Topics, why not add the note "Japanese" to our social affairs for this year?

A book for this very purpose, "Joy from Japan," has come to this office. It is prepared by the Young People's secretary of the Reformed Church, herself an authority on social affairs.

It is most complete, containing suggestions for a year's complete social program. A suggestion for an outdoor Japanese picnic, a transformed Japanese Hallowe'en celebration, a banquet program with a Japanese flavor, suggestions for Mother and Daughter and Father and Son banquets, à la Japanese, Japanese plays, six chapters of most interesting Japanese stories, supplementary suggestions, and other interesting features.

"Joy from Japan" will prove material for a whole year's social program if you care to fall in line with the theme of the year. The book can be obtained from our United Lutheran Publication House, Muhlenberg Bldg., Philadelphia, and sells for $1 in paper, $1.25 in cloth. A packet of poster patterns to accompany the same sells for 60 cents.

How St. Mark's Luther League, Fargo, S. Dak., Entertained the Entire Congregation.

GET ACQUAINTED NOVEMBER 30TH

You are cordially invited to be a guest of the Luther League of St. Mark's English Lutheran Church at a

GET-ACQUAINTED EVENING

in the church parlors, corner 8th and 4th Avenue N., from 7.30 to 9.30 p. m., Saturday, November 30. Everybody will meet everybody at the party that night. We will try to entertain you so that you will be glad you came and will want to come again.

The Invitation Committee.

Fellowship Program Plan.

For the purpose of bringing about a more general and personal mutual acquaintance among the members of St. Mark's Church and incidentally develop a better fellowship spirit in the Church, the Church Council will undertake to initiate and stimulate an interest in a number of get-acquainted social evenings throughout the winter, having as their objective a better acquaintance with the purpose and service of each of the several organizations within the Church as well as a closer relationship of individual members to each other. The thought in mind is that, to begin with, the principal organizations within the Church shall each be responsible for and be the host, as it were, for one such social get-acquainted evening, and that the evening sponsored by each of the several organizations will be devoted to the purpose of getting acquainted with the members of that organization in particular, its purpose in church work, and the service that it is rendering. For instance, on the evening to be sponsored by the Luther League, the rest of the members of the congregation will be guests. A committee on arrangements should be selected by the officers of the Luther League, to work with the member of the church council assigned to assist the Luther League in planning and executing its social get-acquainted evening.

The Luther League committee will select or create a noticeable but inexpensive badge, button, or other label or mark of distinction to be worn in a conspicuous place upon the person by every member of the Luther League during the evening, so that the other members of the church may quickly be able to determine who are members of the Luther League and a part of the host for the evening. The members of the host organization will assemble in the church parlors half an hour before the time set for the guests to begin assembling, so that all hosts will be properly labeled and stationed at their various places of duty before the guests come.

The evening should be spent about as follows: A certain hour, say 7.30, would be set as the time for the guests to commence assembling. While the members of the con-

gregation and their friends are assembling a few appropriate selections (no jazz) might be played on the piano by some one arranged for by the committee in charge. There should be no formality about the seating of the guests. Neither should the chairs be placed in stiff, straight rows. After the guests are assembled an occasional entertainment number might be rendered in the form of solos, duets, choir songs, short readings, etc. Ample time should be allowed between the entertainment numbers for mixing visiting throughout the evening. While the entertainment numbers, which should not be many, are being rendered, and the people are mixing and visiting, a lap lunch is being prepared in the kitchen. kitchen. When it is ready all guests would upon announcement go to the kitchen window and each get their plates and be served in cafeteria style. When every one has been served, a short talk, to be arranged for in advance, should be given by some member of the Luther League on the topic of what the Luther League is trying to do and doing, in and for St. Mark's Church. Another brief talk should also be given by the pastor or some other person, either a member of the church or an outsider, on the history and purpose of the organization of the Luther League, as an agency for the upbuilding of the church. Given a little time to talk with each other after the short addresses and the assembling, and placing again in the kitchen window of the soiled cups and other dishes, a suitable song or two, one of which should be a good-night song, might be indulged in by the entire audience under the leadership of the choir director, if present, otherwise by the pastor or some other person. The evening's entertainment should close not later than 10 o'clock, in time for everybody to get home and into bed at a decent hour for good health and good work the following day.

The lunch for the Luther League evening to be furnished and served and arranged for by a Luther League committee, to be selected by the Luther League organization, should not consist of more than two kinds of sandwiches and one or two sweets. Coffee and cocoa and coffee and milk and plenty of water.

The evening devoted to the Sunday School should follow the same general line, except that the topic for discussion should be the Sunday school. The lunch on that evening to be furnished and served by a committee selected by and from among the Sunday school teachers.

The cost of, or at least a part of the cost of the lunches, for these get-acquainted gatherings should be covered by arranging for one or more receptacles of some kind into which coins might be dropped by tho participating in each of the social even The receptacle might have a coin slot in t top of it and be labeled "The Get-Acquainte Lunch Box." The entertainment and lun is free, but they both cost something. Wha ever you drop in here to help pay the co will be appreciated.

This proposed social program for S Mark's Church for the winter period wi involve a little extra work for many men bers, but it will be work that will do good.

Suitable invitations for each occasio should be mailed to all members of th church in plenty of time for all to arrang their affairs, so that the largest possib members of each family may be able to a tend. Outsiders who have no church hom might be invited, but primarily this pr gram should be for the purpose of helpin the members to know each other and the church better.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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praises, making prayers in His name a doing His work in Luther League.

These words have been hurriedly writt after a busy Sunday but they must get on the midnight train. Somebody told that what comes from the heart genera reaches some heart. May what has b written at this late hour tonight prove t rule to be true.

I am ready to be of any service I m Write me your problems and your success Let's make this page our Missionary change. Best luck and God bless you!

Good night!

OSCAR F. BLACKWELDER

LIFE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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make use of most any special gift you m have? *Why not offer your services?*

8. That this Motherhouse could place this time more than fifty additional d conesses in its various departments and s tions, and in institutions and congregatio offered as new fields of labor? *Why shou not you share in the blessings of such se ice?* And this but one Motherhouse!

9. That the development of the Churc works of mercy depend more on her you women willing to serve than on her weal members willing to give? *Can you afford pass by so great an opportunity.*

10. That Christ bought *you* with blood, that *you* "should live under Him His kingdom and serve Him?" *Would y really call it a sacrifice to give your life His service?*

General Secretary's Letter

DEAR LUTHER LEAGUERS:

You will note by the cover page that the Luther League of America is now housed in its new and we trust permanent home. Put your finger on the angle at the seventh floor, move it toward the left and when it has reached the fourth and fifth windows, it will be peeping into our office. We have open house all day, so when in Philadelphia pay us a call.

On page two you will note the reading courses for 1924. In the near future an outline of these will appear in pamphlet form as usual for the use of local, district and state literature secretaries.

Good Books are the best of friends. As one may be judged by the people with whom he associates, so he may be judged by the books he reads. We have selected for you real friends. Cultivate them.

"Books, Books,
With golden looks—
Hives of rarest honey!
Story Song,
A friendly throng—
The world for little money
With friends o' mine
I sup and dine—
The gentle, kind and clever
And tho' I'm poor
In worldly score
I'm rich in friends forever."

The first ground on which to judge a book fairly is to discover its manifest purpose. The guiding motive running through the contents must be recognized as the surest factor in determining the genuineness of the material presented.

Carlyle says that the soul of the past lies in books. It is equally true that the soul of the present lies in them. The writers put into them their best thoughts. No generation lives higher than its best books, equally the generations live considerably over. Good books are currency of the land more than fine gold.

Books play a tremendous part in the intellectual life of the world. The ideal thing would be to have church-members so interested in all phases of religious life that they would eagerly read volumes that deal with those phases. The Church in that case would become a veritable university.

You will further note the change in the office of Missionary Secretary. Mrs. Sease after a year of faithful and efficient service, has felt constrained to relinquish the office. I know that you will receive this news with genuine regret because Mrs. Sease was a general favorite with us.

We are very fortunate, however, in having secured the Rev. Oscar F. Blackwelder, of Roanoke, Va., to be her successor. You will remember Mr. Blackwelder for his splendid address, "The Ideal Young Christian," at the York Convention, and his article in a recent issue of the REVIEW, "The Missionary Objective of the Luther League of America."

Mr. Blackwelder is a young man and loves young people. He has a passion for the cause of Missions and to the knowledge of your secretary has helped several young men and women to life service in the Church. I believe him to be the right man in the right place. He introduces himself in this issue of the REVIEW.

We have closed our books for the year as follows:

All dues paid:—Connecticut, Columbia, Detroit, Indiana, New Jersey, North Carolina, New York, Nebraska, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Virginia.

Paid in part:—Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Pacific-Northwest, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin.

The outstanding dues amount to $1.279.22. This matter is called to the earnest attention of treasurers.

It is with mingled feelings of gratification and regret that we contemplate the termination of another year. It is with joyous anticipation, rich hopes, lofty purposes, and real earnestness, that we should face the New Year. Let us strive to make the incoming year a year of real spiritual progress, by permitting God to have His way in our lives and activities.

"League-ally yours,"

HARRY HODGES,
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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH NOT A DENOMINATION

In the course of the study of the position of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the world as a part of Christendom, it appears that nowhere else except in America is our Church called a "denomination." Throughout Europe the Church of the Reformation is recognized as one of the great historic churches, both on account of the full measure of its confession of catholic Christian truth and on account of its record in history. By the leveling process of naming all kinds of groups of Christians in America "denominations," Lutherans have been maneuvered into an untrue position in the public estimation. The term "denomination" is less offensive than that of sect, although it contains something of the same idea. Some denominations in America are rightly so called because they had a sectarian origin and retain a sectarian spirit. It may be that some have outgrown their sectarian origin. Our fellow-Lutherans abroad remark on the strangeness of this term being applied to Lutherans, for the Evangelical Lutheran Church originated in conflict for the correction of abuses and the restoration of the continuity of apostolic teaching. It is the major part of Protestantism. It is a genuine part of the Christian Church. The Roman Catholic Church is never referred to as a "denomination"; the Protestant Episcopal Church assiduously cultivates the idea that it is a Church and that Episcopalians are Churchmen. Will not Lutherans do well to drop altogether the use of the word "denomination" in connection with themselves and to emphasize the fact that ours is a *Church?* Thus will common usage in this matter be secured throughout the world.

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ACCOMMODATED

The Prisoner: "Your honor, it is true that I was speeding, but I can explain if you will give me a little time."

His Honor: "Ten days."

DUES

To pay dues or not to pay dues? That ... the question. Whether it is better to r... along always in debt and unable to do t... work that needs doing and thus avoid t... unpleasant task of asking our members ... pay their share, or to tackle the whole pr... lem of League finances boldly and wri... from their unwilling pockets the shek... that we need.

Thus soliloquized the League treasu... as he rose to present his monthly report ... the League meeting. On the answer to t... same question in many Leagues hinges ... success or failure of many well devi... plans.

It is not always easy to persuade us t... we have no financial responsibilities. ... the other hand, League groups with ... larger resources or greater ability acc... plish truly wonderful results, in meeti... League bills, local church expenses, d... and in sending money to carry on wor... other places. What is the secret? How ... our League become financially success... and independent? Is there any secret ... it just because chance favors some?

It is not a secret, nor a gift. Finan... freedom for Leaguers comes about by c... ful planning and effort. It does not t... genius, but care and persistence.

The first step is to know what will ... needed. The League is responsible for ... termining, under the treasurer's direct... the amounts that shall be assigned for ... various departments, district, or other d... and any special sums that are to be rai... The whole matter should then be presen... and explained in detail at a business m... ing of the League for approval and a... tion. If this is done, no member has ... grounds for complaint afterward, and ... whole League acts as a unit on its finan... program.

The next thing is to plan for secu... subscriptions of members to the bu...

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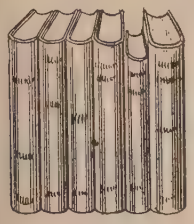

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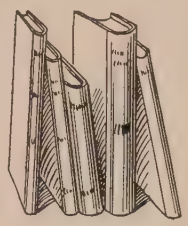

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

THE PRAYER BEFORE THE READING.

"Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

THE PRAYER AFTER THE READING.

"Almighty and everlasting God, Who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness: grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh and overcome the world; and serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continued thanks for Thy goodness though Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen."

READING THE BOOKS OF THE LAW DURING THE YEAR

Tuesday, January 1—Creation, Gen. 1:1-19.

Wednesday, January 2—Creation, Gen. 1:20-31.

Thursday, January 3—The Garden of Eden and Eve, Gen. 2:1-25.

Friday, January 4—The Fall of Mankind, Gen. 3:1-24.

Saturday, January 5—Cain and Abel, Gen. 4:1-18.

Sunday, January 6—Seth and Enos, Gen. 4:19-26.

Monday, January 7—Genealogy from Adam to Noah, Gen. 5:1-32.

Tuesday, January 8—Noah and the Wicked World. Gen. 6:1-13.

Wednesday, January 9—The Ark, Gen. 6:14-22.

Thursday, January 10—Entering the Ark, Gen. 7:1-16.

Friday, January 11—The Flood, Gen. 7:17-24.

Saturday, January 12—The Ark Rested, Gen. 8:1-14.

Sunday, January 13—Leaving the Ark, Gen. 8:15-22.

Monday, January 14—Covenant of the Rainbow, Gen. 9:1-17.

Tuesday, January 15—The Sons of Noah, Gen. 9:18-29.

Wednesday, January 16—Genealogy of Noah's Sons, Gen. 10:1-32.

Thursday, January 17—Confusion of Tongues, Gen. 11:1-32.

Friday, January 18—Call of Abram, Gen. 12:1-20.

Saturday, January 19—Abram and Lot Part Asunder, Gen. 13:1-18.

Sunday, January 20—The Battle of the Kings, Gen. 14:1-12.

Monday, January 21—The Rescue of Lot, Gen. 14:13-24.

Tuesday, January 22—The Promise of a Son and Canaan, Gen. 15:1-21.

Wednesday, January 23—Sarai and Hagar, Gen. 16:1-16.

Thursday, January 24—God Reneweth the Covenant, Gen. 17:1-14.

Friday, January 25—The promise of Isaac, Gen. 17:15-27.

Saturday, January 26—Abraham Entertains Three Angels, Gen. 18:1-22.

Sunday, January 27—Abraham Pleads for Sodom, Gen. 18:23-33.

Monday, January 28—Lot Entertains Two Angels, Gen. 19:1-11.

Tuesday, January 29—The destruction of Sodom and Gommorah. Gen. 19:12-38.

Wednesday, January 30—Abraham and Abimelech, Gen. 20:1-18.

Thursday, January 31—The Result of Isaac's birth, Gen. 21:1-21.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, February 3, 1924.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT. FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

Rom. 12:1-13; John 9:4.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Matt. 10:34-39.
Tuesday—Luke 14:25-35.
Wednesday—Mark 1:16-20.
Thursday—Phil. 3:4-16.
Friday—James 2:6-12.
Saturday—Acts 2:44-47.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

A program on service will be appropriate at this time. If we are serving the Church and Christ it should be one hundred per cent. There are many poems and arti-

cles on how best to give ourselves to the work of the Saviour. Lives of such men as Muhlenberg and Passavant are examples of what it means to be entirely for Christ. The story of such a life can be made an effective part of this program.

This is a good time to find out the gifts of the different members. Take up some time during the meeting the question of volunteer service and call for volunteers for the activities of the local congregation and its organizations. These offered services can be handed in on paper and referred to the proper person.

Appropriate hymns for this program are, "Work for the Night is Coming," "Ye Servants of the Lord" and "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Topic.

It seems foolish to ask a member of the Christian Church if he is for Christ. It appears contradictory. But it is not so strange when it is realized how easily one drifts from the confirmation vows he has taken. If every nominal member of the Church were wholehearted for Christ and the success of His cause what a power the Church would be in the world. There would be no need for financial campaigns to further the work of the Kingdom. Young men and women would volunteer by the hundreds for the service of the Church. The Christian ought to ask himself often just how interested he is in the welfare of Christ and the Church.

One Hundred Percent Outwardly.

Everything one does counts in making up the percentage of service in life. The way one speaks to his friends is counted in the average. The kinds of stewards Christians are will be a part of the final estimate. Small gifts or possessions are not overlooked. Some League members sometimes think they have nothing to contribute to the welfare of the Church since they have no income. In other words they excuse themselves by trying to believe that they have no stewardship account to render. The inconsistency is revealed when their beautiful clothes are contrasted with the pennies they drop into the offering plate. Loyalty to Christ is shown by the way we use what is given us either by parents, teachers or friends and the sum of the earning from our own labors.

Many people have a feeling that everything they do ought not be counted in the estimate made of their Christianity. They will ask you the reason for including in the consideration of the Christian life the manner of eating. The answer is easy. Gluttony is condemned by the Bible. Conduct speaks loudly what a man is.

One Hundred Per Cent. Inwardly.

Christ and the individual alone know what is going on in the heart and mind of man. Many things happen on the inside that the world never sees. One is often glad that the thought or feeling can not be seen by the people about him. Christ was very plain in His statements as to the condition of the heart. He told His disciples that the thought was the father of the act. A constant watchfulness is needed on the inward man. The only way to bring up the average of inward loyalty is to let Christ be there as the guide. "Come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee," should be the prayer of every Christian.

Conscience plays an important part in the life of every intelligent man or woman. It is the inner voice that keeps him on the straight and narrow pathway. One who has been instructed in the fundamentals of the Lutheran Church ought not be ignorant of the way of Christian living. The pangs of an enlightened conscience are indications that there is a desire for a better life. The church member who never has the feeling of imperfection ought to look into his religion. Those who have the desire to live closer to Christ and His ideals are on the way to making their Christianity one hundred per cent.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany,
February 10, 1924.

IN HIS STEPS: 2. HOW AND WHEN JESUS TAUGHT

Matt. 5:1-12; 13:3-9.

Daily Bible Readings.

Monday—Matt. 13:10-17.
Tuesday—Matt. 5:1-20.
Wednesday—Matt. 9:35-38.
Thursday—Matt. 18.
Friday—Mark 10.
Saturday—Luke 19:47; 21:38.

Hints for Leaders.

Any part of the Sermon on the Mount will be an appropriate Scripture lesson (Matt. 5:1-7:29). Have someone explain the Red Letter Testaments. Sometime during the meeting ask all members present to quote a verse that is something Jesus said.

Give all the Sunday school teachers who are members of the League a place of honor at this meeting. Find out if there are members of the League who do not attend Sunday school. Ask your Sunday school Superintendent to discuss for you, "An Ideal Sunday School Teacher."

Give five minutes of this program to the free discussion of the qualities of a good teacher. Ask for memories of teachers you have loved.

Have the list of all the colleges, seminaries, etc., of the United Lutheran Church

read at this meeting. Have someone tell about the religious work that is done in your local synodical college. The subject, "Religion in the Public Schools," will be good for a debate.

TOPIC.

Jesus was the greatest teacher that ever lived. Students interested in this phase of life have been making a study of His methods for a number of years. Christ always had a live message. His ways of presenting the truth were most effective. The simplicity of His discourses have been among the marvels of the educated world. Before the coming of the Saviour religion had been somewhat hidden in strange phrases and formulas. The people declared that Christ taught as none other.

Sometimes Christ spoke to the multitude in parables. This He did for a purpose. But these same illustrations were vividly revealed to the disciples whom He was preparing to follow the plan He was developing.

Christ did not wait for stated times to reveal the wonders of God to the hungry hearts that followed Him. He taught when the opportunity presented itself. He preached to all types of people wherever they might gather. He taught more from the street corner and the hillside than from the temple or synagogue. The Church today is recovering the principle asserted by Christ to take the gospel to the poor and needy and not wait for them to come to the church building. The inner mission activities of the Lutheran Church is a beginning in this phase of Christian service. The entire Christian Church has only touched this great part of God's plan in spreading the gospel.

The method used today by medical missionaries of healing the body and thereby finding an avenue to the soul is a copy of the Saviour's activities. He healed the body and at the same time told them of their spiritual needs. He made them physically as well as spiritually well.

The most successful work accomplished by the Saviour was talking face to face with the individual. Christ opened up the great plan of salvation for Nicodemus when he came asking questions. The Samaritan woman was made glad after her conversation with the Saviour.

If you are following in His steps, you are using Him and His life as your pattern. You are telling those you meet how the problems of life are related to Christ. Your social hours are not spent entirely discussing the trivial things of the day but are occasionally switched to the eternal principles that you know are essential for a complete existence.

The more the Church adopts the methods of teaching used by Christ, such as simplicity, thoroughness, catechization and directness, the more successful will she be. The nearer the individual life becomes the likeness of Jesus, the quicker will the entire world be given the privilege to hear the Gospel of good tidings. The Christian needs to watch his step in order to be in step with the Saviour. The world is waiting for many more to learn how Jesus taught and urged this fundamental phase of Christian activity to be everywhere followed.

Septuagesima Sunday,
February 17, 1924.

WHAT IS SIN? HOW DOES IT AFFECT CHARACTER?

I John 3:4; Rom. 3:9-20.
DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Matt. 7:17-23.
Tuesday—Mark 7:18-23.
Wednesday—John 15:22-25.
Thursday—Romans 1:18-32.
Friday—James 1:12-15.
Saturday—Gen. 3.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.
A Program.

(1) Hymn—"I Lay My Sins On Jesus."
(2) Scripture Lesson—Rom. 6:12-23.
(3) Prayer—By leader.
(4) Recitation—Psalm 51.
(5) Story—The Sin of Achan (Jos. 7:1-26).
(6) Story—The Sin of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 4:31-5:11).
(7) Hymn—"Just As I Am Without One Plea."
(8) Talk—National and Commercial Sins.
(9) Talk—Present-Day Outstanding Individual Sins.
(10) Discussion—Cure for Sin (five minutes, led by leader).
(11) Business, roll call, offering received.
(12) Lord's Prayer.

TOPIC.

The history of Mankind is the story of selfishness and failure. Sin in the world has caused man to be imperfect. Sin is missing the mark that God set for him from the beginning. The peoples of all generations have been far below the standard of God's laws. The Bible gives the history of a people who attempted to live up to the requirements of God. This record reveals their shortcomings as well as the plan of God to satisfy His sense of justice. In this plan a provision is made whereby humanity can again be in favor with his creator. The sacrifice of the Son of God has entirely satisfied God's justice. He accepts His son's settlement if His Son is accepted by humanity. Jesus Christ stands in humanity's place and thereby gives to the world the privilege to partake of the heavenly kingdom.

Sin is still here. It will be here until the end of time. The human race will have to face the condition of sin in the world until redemption has claimed the last one who will accept it. The Apostle Paul speaks of the power of sin thus, "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I." The debt of sin has been paid but it must be accepted by faith before man is cleared of his guilt.

SINS OF COMMISSION.

Disobedience is the great sin of the entire race. Disobedience is grounded on selfishness. The desire to do as one pleases regardless of how it affects others or breaks God's commandments is a part of his inheritance. The tendency of the human race is to act contrary to God's wishes.

Feelings and desires of selfishness and hate make humanity unworthy of being creatures of God. Man plans the destruction of his friends. He places stumbling blocks in the ways of his fellowmen. He uses deceptive methods to bring about his wants to the detriment of his brother. His heart covets the possessions of his neighbor. Falsehood is one of his strong allies. He mocks the God who sustains him. The entire heart of man is corrupt.

SINS OF OMISSION.

The Spirit of God awakens in the heart of man a desire to do better. For a time he is a different man. But he becomes negligent. He is forgetful. The blessings of life are received without one thought of thanksgiving. The Bible remains closed for weeks at a time in the home. The needs of his fellowmen have no effect on him. No prayer ascends to the throne of grace from his heart. Sunday means nothing to him.

The disease of sin is so deep in the flesh and life of humanity there is only one remedy. This remedy is Christ. The nearer the heart of man draws to his Saviour the less sin there is in him. The greatest battles are to be fought against invisible powers. When Christ is enshrined in the heart of man Satan and his allies of sin and degradation are eliminated.

Sexagesima Sunday, February 24, 1924.

A DAY WITH A HOME MISSIONARY OHIO

Mark 7:24-30.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Acts 1:6-9.
Tuesday—Matt. 28:16-20.
Wednesday—Acts 13:1-5.
Thursday—Acts 15:1-16:5.
Friday—Psalm 2:1-12.
Saturday—Rev. 7:9-17.

Home Missionaries are building churches where none have existed. They are developing congregations in cities and sections of cities where there is no Lutheran Church. They gather immigrants into church organizations. They are, therefore, on the frontier of Lutheran progress in the United States. No matter how strong the long established congregations may be; no matter how much growth in numbers, finance and equipment old, historic, home churches may acquire—the Lutheran Church in America cannot call herself really progressive unless she continues to occupy the waste places, cultivate the fence corners and make church homes for the hundreds of foreign people admitted to American citizenship each year.

But Home Missionaries have never been as popular and as much appreciated as Foreign Missionaries. One reason for this is that anyone who has made a trip abroad is more interesting than one who has just made a little journey to another city in the same home state. "Distance lends enchantment to the view." It is often easier to appreciate things away from home than things and experiences near us every day.

A Home Missionary's work and life is many times just as romantic and thrilling and versatile as that of a missionary who goes to a distant land. If we believe that America is the greatest country on earth then she certainly should afford just as interesting experiences as any other land.

Let's determine that our League is going to appreciate and realize the importance of Home Missionaries as never before because of this topic and program. Get some near by Home Mission pastor to write a letter to your League telling of some of his biggest surprises, best experiences and finest stories he has collected.

The average Home Missionary is unknown in the town or city or community in which he is working. His church may also be unknown. His name is not announced in headlines in the newspapers when he comes to begin his work. The city doesn't put on a reception in his honor and if he has a dozen people to give him any kind of a reception he is sometimes fortunate. All this appeals to a real, fearless young man, especially. By putting a young church on its feet, he develops his own faith in Christ and the best talents of his life come out.

It is a really thrilling experience for the right kind of a preacher to interpret to a city or to individual people for the first time the old Church of the Reformation. It is great to see people open their eyes to the fine historical facts connected with the life of the Lutheran Church in America. A Home Mission pastor can have these experiences every day.

With a little handful of folks, called

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Intermediate Department

Harrisburg, Pa., is becoming a center for the Intermediate movement. Zion has had for some time an active organization. The same is true of Memorial. The latter is investigating carefully the new Intermediate Merit System. Early in November an Intermediate Luther League was organized in Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The proposed organization was heralded in Bethlehem's usual enthusiastic way. The result was over fifty Intermediates present and a live organization effected, with Miss Mary Miller as superintendent. A follow-up postal for the next meeting was a precaution for keeping the good beginning on the go.

REGISTERED LEAGUES.

(Added to those already listed.)

No. 3—Girls' Intermediate Luther League, Grace Lutheran Church, Spring Garden, Pittsburgh.

MEMORY CONTEST FOR FEBRUARY.

Romans 12:9-21.

February 3, 1924.

IN THE CRADLE OF AMERICAN LUTHERANISM

Missions

Acts 15:36; Acts 20:1-2.

HINTS TO LEADER.

Have a large outline map of the Eastern United States, or draw one on the blackboard, and have a box of large red, white and blue stars. As each point is mentioned in the Topic, have the star affixed, and at the close of the Topic take a rapid survey of the territory covered.

Make a plea to the Intermediates to think of Home Mission work as a possible calling.

PROGRAM.

Hymn—"America, the Beautiful."

Prayer by superintendent for a "Better America."

Topic study—under the captions given in the Topic—to be given by a number of the Intermediates.

Topic discussion—led by one of the Intermediates.

Sentence prayer—for more Home Mission stations, for the establishing of more Home Mission churches, for the workers on the field, for all our churches that they may aid in the work.

Hymn—"God Bless Our Native Land."

THE TOPIC.

(From report of Home Mission Board, Buffalo Convention, United Lutheran Church.)

A Goodly District.—Geographically the Eastern District of the Home Mission Board extends from the eastern part of Ohio to the Atlantic Ocean, and from the southern boundary of Pennsylvania northward, embracing the Middle Atlantic and New England States, and extending up into Canada.

Historically it contains the sacred shrines of Lutheran beginnings, made by our ancestors from many nations, and these well established landmarks are an inspiration to all who contemplate the consecration of those who laid firm and strong the foundations of Evangelical Lutheranism in America.

Synodically it includes the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, New York Ministerium, the Synods of New York and New England, New York, Pittsburgh, East Pennsylvania, Alleghany, Central Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, Susquehanna, Central Canada and Nova Scotia.

Spying Out.—Surveys have been made of this field. Though partial, they show, as the report of the spies of old, that there is much to be possessed. A number of fields, new, of strategic importance and of bright prospect, have been entered. The information gained by these surveys of the field forms a substantial foundation for building along lines that mean much greater conservation of our resources of men and money.

Paying the Price.—Our best men are none too good for mission congregations. The Board's policy of better salaries, the most advantageous locations, and the erection of attractive buildings, appeals more and more to gifted pastors willing to accept the challenge of the seemingly impossible. Paying the price pays.

Saved to Save.—Christ came to save sinners. This is the primary mission of His Church, and the reason for Home Mission activity. We must sacrifice that this work may go on.

RIPENING FIELDS.

1. *In New England.*—The people of many nations have entered this section. Luther-

ans are here in large numbers. In Boston, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven and other strategic centers foundations have been laid, and the future will witness God's blessing on the self-sacrifice of Lutheran pioneers in New England.

2. *In the Land of the Maple Leaf.*—While aggressive work was hindered by the war, advance has been made in Canada. Splendid results have been achieved in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo and other places.

3. *In America's Metropolis.*—No one doubts that one of our greatest mission opportunities is found in and around Greater New York. Some of the older congregations on Manhattan and in Brooklyn are losing in membership because of removal from congested centers. Through the missions organized in Northern New Jersey, on Long Island and in Westchester County we are retaining and reclaiming these to the Lutheran Church.

4. *On the Empire State Express.*—Through the State of New York we go over the trails trodden by our Lutheran ancestors. We think of their good works and see now what has been done in Albany, Troy, Schenectady, Amsterdam, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls.

5. *Near and Beyond the Alleghenies.*—To us also comes the challenge of mighty industrial cities like Altoona, Johnstown and Pittsburgh, to do "God's Big Business." The voice of Passavant, Lutheran missionary and philanthropist, is still heard, and calls for the establishment and extension of the Church.

6. *Along the Rivers in Eastern and Central Pennsylvania.*—Muhlenberg's motto, "Ecclesia Plantada," has not been forgotten. The Church has been and is being planned along the Delaware, the Schuylkill, the Lehighs, the Susquehanna and the "Blue Juanita." Our oldest mission field, the very beginning of Lutheranism in America, still remains a new one.

7. *In the Cities by the Sea.*—Traveling along the ocean boulevard from Atlantic Highlands to Cape May, we pass the Church of the Atonement, Asbury Park; the new work at Manasquan; St. Andrew's, Atlantic City; St. John's, Ocean City; Messiah, Sea Isle City; Our Saviour, Stone Harbor; Holy Trinity, Wildwood. All of these have been or are Home Mission stations.

Past victories are ample assurance for the success of the future. In the name of the Lord of Hosts, we will set up our banners. With faith and with faith's foresight and fidelity, we will possess America for Christ, and through America we will possess the world for Him.

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS.

Have two Intermediates prepare papers on Passavant and Muhlenberg.

If there is time send to the Women's Missionary Society, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa., and get two leaflets, "Six Reasons for Home Missions," 2 cents, and "How the Lutheran Church Came to America," 2 cents, and have these exercises presented in the program.

February 10, 1924.

THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OF OUR CHOICES

Rev. Charles M. Teufel.
I Tim. 4:15.

A PROGRAM FOR THE DEVOTIONAL MEETING

Opening Hymn, 292 (in Common Service Church Hymnal). If not available for singing, have it recited. Select, then, other hymn.

Psalm 121 in response, or repeated from memory.

Prayer—For our minds. For the Merit System of the Intermediate Luther League.

Scripture Lessons (to be written or printed on blackboard)—Phil. 2:5, I Tim. 4:15, Phil. 4:8. (Have pointed out the common thought in each text.)

Hymn.

Announcement of the subject.

Superintendent's brief reference to the Merit System of the Intermediate Luther League. (A copy of this should be displayed before the persons present.)

Reasons for special activity along educational lines:

Life cannot all be spent in the church and church services. Life cannot all be spent in *direct* soul expression. When not, then *always* in *indirect* soul expression.

We should attempt to show the connection between the soul and all activities of the mind. Appointed occasions and selected items of action will permit this.

The leisure time should have occasional direction. Some things worth while should be provided for the exercise and the pleasure and the profit of the mind. Our one Scripture lesson, Phil. 4:8, called our attention to the many things in the world that possess virtue and promote thought. There are many true, honorable, just, pure, lovely and good report subjects to engage our attention. The Educational Program of the Intermediate Luther League simply tries to recognize this in its Merit System.

Presentation of the items of the ranks—in Educational Department.

First Intermediate (wearing a Red Rank pin, twelve years old, if possible) reads the Red Rank items.

Second Intermediate (wearing a White Rank pin, thirteen years old, if possible) reads the White Rank items.

Third Intermediate (wearing the Blue Rank pin, fourteen years old, if possible) reads the Blue Rank items.

Fourth Intermediate (wearing a Gold Rank pin, fifteen years old, if possible) reads the Gold Rank items.

Fifth Intermediate tells about the one item common to all ranks—the Hobby.

A summary of the field of action covered by these items:

The *common item* is the *Hobby.* A hobby is something that should engage our interest and our activity for a considerable time. While we all in life must be specialists, that is, learning one thing very well, yet it will be desirable to have a side interest. A hobby is such a side interest. Learn to choose a helpful, interesting hobby.

A list of hobbies Intermediates may select one from are: a collection of autographs, a missionary data collection, a collection of religious poems, a collection of art picture reproductions, specializing on radio knowledge, collection of health items, writing a history of your congregation, or Sunday School, or class, or of your community, a collection of present-day athletes' pictures, a collection of current jokes, collection of church building pictures, or of college features, specializing in poster drawing, bulb culture, and many others.

Further, it is seen that in the special items all four ranks emphasize Acquisition, Music, Observation, Expression, Hand Craft, Decision powers. Three ranks cover Literary Attainments, Creature Life, Business Meetings, Local Lore, Nature. Also, scattered about the items are activities that carry us into Thrift Practice, Regularity of School Attendance, Astronomy, Art, Farming, Woodcraft, Forestry, Architecture, Botany, Locomotion, Entertainment, Study of Personality. Just enough of each to show the spiritual possibilities in all these through the mind.

Each rank, too, sets forth a different degree of development. The Gold Rank, for instance, earn their promotion through instructing others.

Our Choices.

The requirements for promotion are set forth in the Merit System.

What shall govern your selection in the special items? Three rules are suggested: First, select ones most interested in; second, select some most deficient in; third, plan to master as many as possible. Be not satisfied with the least number for promotion.

Use Your Bible.

It is interesting how many of these spheres of activity covered in this Educational Program can be reproduced in the life of Jesus. Some are as follows: Thrift, John 6:13; Acquisition, Matt. 6:20; Music, Matt. 26:30; Choice, Luke 10:41; Creature Life, Matt. 6:26; Architecture, Matt. 24:1, 2; First Aid, Luke 10:34. Others are seen elsewhere in the Bible: Literary Attainments, I Tim. 4:13; Woodcraft, I Kings 19:8, 9.

Superintendent's closing remarks. (Was an awakened interest or a renewed interest aroused?)

Insert any procedures customary in your League.

Hymn.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer.

February 17, 1924.

IN COMPETITION WITH MYSELF

(Physical.)

I Cor. 9:27.
Rev. G. E. Swoyer

Hints for the Leader.

Instead of a selected hymn open with a solo or duet, or quartet part.

Leader should repeat Scripture Verse from memory.

The Sunday prior to this meeting "a spiritual 100 yard dash" was assigned. This was to see which group of boys, two teams made from the Intermediates present, could bring the most persons to this meeting. Take time now to recognize this.

Have a prayer of thanks for interest shown, and upon personal progress ask God's blessing to rest.

Hymn.

After announcing subject, have presented the Topic article, paragraph by paragraph, as given.

After Topic article, have a five-minute "In Competition with Myself" by giving each one a Bible with Psalm assigned to see how much of it can be memorized. This ought to be a great experience.

With the previous division into groups in mind have some Bible sharp-shooting. See results. Note the Intermediate or two who is quickest. Select one of these and *time* them in selecting three Bible passages and in writing them out upon paper given for the purpose.

Vote on this idea For one month shall we do without buying candy, chewing gum or movies and save money for some worthy object?

Close meeting in accustomed way.

The Topic.

St. Paul was a keen observer. He had doubtless watched the athletic events at Corinth. Here the athletic men of Greece gathered to contest for the laurel wreath of victory. They were the supreme athletic affairs of Greece.

St. Paul saw more. He saw the training men had to undergo to win. He knew the months of constantly bringing the body

"into subjection." It was a severe training. But it meant honor and glory to conquer.

They controlled their bodies to win. For the glory of the contest they kept the body under. They strived to excel.

The writer of this article has been in touch with athletics for quite a few years. After playing and coaching athletes he often found that many athletes failed to keep their bodies under subjection as St. Paul said. Many promising athletes were failures because of this lack of self-control. Dissipation and "breaking training" were the disgrace of many a good athlete. We have seen men whose names could have been enrolled on mystical State and all-American teams but failed because they did not bring their bodies under subjection.

Now, to be a good athlete one must do several things. He must not dissipate. Smoking, drinking, do the muscles, the heart, the lungs no good. Girls must learn that roses on the cheeks obtained through outdoor exercise are more valuable than those purchased by the box in the store. The boy striving for success in athletics must struggle in every way possible to build up the body. He must ever try to push better to best, to strengthen the muscles until they are like steel. Boys should be like Andrew Jackson. Some boys could throw him down, but they could not hold him there, for his muscles seemed like steel springs.

Then, again, he must strive to improve his own record. He must be in competition with himself. If he runs the one-half mile in fair time or the 100 yards in 13 seconds, the next time he must strive to improve it. He must compete with his best records. Once a college student ran a 220 yard hurdle race. He ran it alone, as the other school had only one contestant who ran in the first trial. All the way that student kept saying, "I must win. I must win." He attempted to push ahead and succeeded. Constantly a good athlete competes with himself.

But underneath St. Paul's outward idea was a deeper one. What you do for the sake of athletics, do for the sake of your God. Be in competition with yourself for the Lord's work. Strive to serve your Lord more. Use your strength to win for Christ. In 1923 if you led ten children to Sunday School, then in 1924 bring 20. If you helped some boy to be a better boy, next week strive to help two. Bring your own body under subjection and you can use that same spirit to conquer for the Lord. St. Paul did this. He said he kept under his body that when he had tried to train others he himself would not be a castaway, or disapproved. He wanted to serve as well as help others to serve.

These words of St. Paul present a challenge to boys and girls. They like to be good basket ball and football and baseball players and also runners. They think these games are tests of attractive girlhood and boyhood. St. Paul would say to us that the manliest and the truest thing to do is to use this spirit of competition that we might serve our Lord the better. The most manly and the most womanly thing in all this world is to conquer our bodies and keep them in subjection to serve our Lord. Athletics and the war as well taught us that the real test of a boy and girl is whether they have themselves enough in subjection to be faithful to Church and Sunday school. The real boy and girl are there. The athletic boy or girl who does not serve his Lord is a failure regardless of athletic prowess or records.

February 24, 1924.

OUR READING COURSE

I Tim. 4:13.

In our Scripture passage St. Paul is exhorting Timothy (his son in the faith) to study, giving three reasons for said study:

1. To be approved of God.
2. To be a workman that need not be ashamed of his work.
3. To be able to rightly divide the word of truth.

No matter what profession, trade or business we choose we must study for three reasons:

1. To be approved by our employer.
2. To rightly do our work.
3. To make correct decisions.

Compare these two groups of three reasons. Timothy was going into the business of religion, hence he needed to prepare himself.

The strangest thing about human nature is its inconsistency. Most people are willing to apply themselves to diligent study to be successful in profession, trade or business, but so few are willing to apply themselves to study in order to become efficient in the biggest business in the world—the Church.

You can no more be an intelligent Christian without study than you can be an intelligent professional or business man without study.

When you undertake a course of study you are handed a book and you must read.

There are three types of reading:

1. Reading for information.
2. Reading for inspiration.
3. Reading for recreation.

In the selection of our reading course we have catered to all three. These books will bring light and interest, knowledge and inspiration, meditation and devotion, and develop a spiritual consciousness in the heart, instruct in the way, strengthen the faith and reveal our relation to God.

Possibly never in the world's history was there as much reading matter produced as today, but much of it is trash, and yet we read it. What fuel is to the engine, reading matter is to the brain, and its worth or lack of worth in both instances will produce corresponding results.

This is our Course for the current year:

Martin of Mansfeld. A compact and popular life of Luther, for the reader who does not want to lose himself in a deep study and research of the life of this great Reformer.

Making Life Count. A sub-title for this book might be Real, Genuine Success. It will help young people to make this their aim and will strengthen and purify their ambitions, their ideals and their everyday life. The author uses to advantage frequent illustrations from the lives and sayings of famous people and much loved heroes, such as Roosevelt, Lincoln, Robert Louis Stevenson, and Helen Keller. Through these he drives his points home with great force and inspires the young person to aim at Real Success.

Fireside Stories for Girls in Their 'Teens. A collection of twenty-six stories with a purpose that will appeal to girls of the 'teen age. It is hard to find suitable stories for the adolescent girl, but these are interestingly told and will solve many a problem that such a girl must meet.

Around the Campfire with the Older Boys. This is a companion volume to "Fireside Stories for Girls in Their 'Teens." Any boy of this age will enjoy reading these stories to himself and will learn many lessons that will be of great use to him throughout his life. Through the story of some hero, whether a man of renown or the boy whose fame is unsung, the boy's interest is gained and held and his own problems are solved by the actions of others.

Heroes of the Church. A book of history, romance and action that will appeal to every red-blooded boy and girl.

Fifty Missionary Stories. A series of short, live anecdotes of some of the early missionaries, their hardships and difficulties, their trials and victories as they planted the Cross in dark lands. Their example will inspire a zeal for the missionary cause and a consecration to the task of spreading the Gospel in the hearts of the boys and girls.

Any of these books would be suitable for a study group and discussion would provide a very helpful and pleasant recreation.

These are the books that we offer to our boys and girls, with the same admonition that St. Paul gave to Timothy and which is the Scripture passage for the topic.

Carlyle says that the soul of the past lies in books. It is equally true that the soul of the present lies in them. The writers put into them their best thoughts. Books are our best friends and most delightful companions. A man can be well judged by the books he reads. Let us learn to love good books.

NOTE.—The superintendent should be prepared to discuss the several books of the Course, and before the meeting closes arrange for group meetings to read and study them.

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CONFERENCE IN JAPAN

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from lack of proper food, for Japanese nurses and even doctors are still woefully ignorant of the right kind of diet for the sick. The missionary's wife heard of this state of affairs and suggested to her cooking class that they supply the hospital with food for the typhoid patients. So day by day these women cooked for the hospital, and good results immediately followed. As a consequence, and in gratitude for this help, the missionary's wife is given absolute freedom in the hospital and she can conduct a Bible class for nurses or give religious talks in the wards whenever she desires.

One of the biggest problems discussed was the attitude the Christian Church in Japan should take toward socials which bring young men and women together. At present such a thing as a Luther League, conducted as in America, would be impossible, for young men and women never meet in public or even in private homes outside the natural intercourse of families. They scarcely even speak to each other at church. Marriage is still arranged by go-betweens. Such conditions, therefore, give rise to problems in church work, problems not easy of solution.

Our Bible Study class was led by Miss MacDonald, who does Christian work in the prisons of Tokyo. She recently translated into English the autobiography of a Japanese prisoner who became a Christian through her. The book is now on sale under the title "A Gentleman in Prison."

At the end of three days every one was ready to return to Karuizawa, as sleeping, eating and talking on the floor for that length of time is not easy. At the same time, we would not have missed those three days for a great deal. For on that mountain-side there was borne in on us anew the beauty of the Christ we had come to give to this land.

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LIKE A DEPUTY'S WHEREABOUTS

Never ask regarding an actor's whereabouts. Maybe he is staying in bed while they are at the tailor's.—*The Tatler.*

Junior Department

DEAR JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS:

How is your Junior League?

At the beginning of the New Year, as we are looking forward to new activities and increased efforts, with new Junior Topics, the Junior Chairman is reminded of The-Junior-League-That-Did-Not-Know-Where-It-Was-Going! It never planned its work, it just drifted along from one meeting to another, and at the end of the year it had arrived at nowhere in particular. Strange, too, wasn't it, when it hadn't started out for anywhere special! Is your Junior League like that? Or do you plan the work?

Here is the schedule of events we have planned for the Juniors month by month this year:

January—The Junior Topics (begun now and studied throughout the year).

February—Junior Mission Study Class (foreign), "The Honorable Japanese Fan."

March—The Reading Course for Juniors.

April—Easter Plans.

May—Gifts for sick, orphans, or foreign mission station.

June—Public Entertainment.

July—Summer activities—Story Hour, Picnic.

August—Junior Mission Study Class (home), "Better Americans."

September—Get-Together Meetings—Junior Rallies and Conventions.

October—A Junior Social.

November—Junior League Day, Thanksgiving plans.

December—Christmas Program.

Of course this does not mean that you must arrange each of these activities at the time specified. You can arrange them to suit your own League; nor does it mean that some cannot be carried throughout the whole year. Plan your work, conforming it as nearly as possible to this schedule, and know just what you want to accomplish during 1924.

To help you, the REVIEW each month will give suggestions and plans for the work as listed above.

To follow out this schedule, you will need two things:

(1) THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. This, as stated above, will give you plans for each month's activities, and will also give you Topics themselves, month by month, with a program for each meeting.

(2) *The Junior Program Packet.* This contains A Manual for the Superintendent, full of plans and suggestions for the work of the year, explaining the whole scheme:

Seven leaflets to use in the weekly programs (Bible Drills, etc.).

Five Lenten Pictures for the Lenten Topics.

A Leaflet on the Junior Reading Course.

A Christmas Pageant.

A Leaflet on "The Honorable Japanese Fan."

A Pageant for Junior League Day—"Even These Little Ones."

It sells for forty cents, and you can hardly conduct your Junior League successfully without it.

A few hints at the beginning of the year:

Our News Department is to be a feature this year, and we want in it reports from the Junior Leagues everywhere. Write and tell the Chairman what you are doing in your Junior League.

Preserve your REVIEWS from month to month. They are valuable. One Junior Chairman makes a scrap-book of the Junior department for reference from time to time. The December REVIEW gave a list of the devotional topics for the year. This issue gives the schedule of activities. And month by month interesting plans will be unfolded, which you will want to refer to again.

Write to the Junior Chairman at any time she can be of service to you.

And a Happy and Prosperous New Year to the Juniors and to all engaged in the work of training the children of the Church.

Yours-for-the-Juniors,

BRENDA L. MEHLHOUSE.

February 3, 1924.

MISSIONARY DOCTORS AND NURSES

(Our Church's Medical Work in India)

Matt. 4:23, 24.

(The missionary topics during 1924 take in various phases of our United Lutheran Church's own mission work. The missionary topics are supplemented by two special

Junior classes, information concerning which is given in the Program Packet.)

PROGRAM.

Hymn—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

Business—Roll Call, Minutes, Offering (in special missionary box).

Bible Drill—"Bible Sharpshooting" or "Men and Women of the Bible."

Drill from leaflet "Bible Drills" in program packet.

Scripture Reading — Given by a Junior. Matt. 4:23, 24.

Hymn—"From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Topic—Given by Juniors.

If I Were Sick In India.
What the Missionary Does.
Our Hospital at Guntur.
Our Hospital at Rajahmundry.
Dr. Anna Kugler—Our Nurses; Can I Be a Nurse?

Discussion by the Juniors — Led by the Superintendent.

Sentence Prayers by the Juniors for more nurses in India, for more hospitals, thanks for the hospitals already there, for the doctors and nurses in India, that through healing many may be brought to know the true God.

Closing—Lord's Prayer.

HINTS.

Poster—To announce your meeting. From fashion magazines cut out pictures of girls, which with the addition of a white cap cut from paper and a tiny red cross can be made into Red Cross nurses. An automobile, by the pasting of red crosses on the hood and in the windows can be made an ambulance. Put these in the center of the card, and write below it "Doctors and nurses and pink and white pills, To cure all diseases and heal all ill." Print this in red, and in black letters underneath write the time and place of the meeting.

For the meeting, write the parts of the Topic on white powder papers (you can get these at the druggists) and distribute them to the children. Or get the large sized gelatin capsules at the drug-store, and write the parts of the topic on paper, roll up, and put in the capsule.

As supplementary to the Topic a number of the girls can arrange to give the exercise "What Happened When They Were Sick." Get this from the Women's Missionary Society, 723 Muhlenberg Bldg., Philadelphia. The price is two cents. Other interesting missionary stories can be secured for the Missionary Topics each month from this address. Write and order some each month for the missionary meetings.

THE TOPIC.

If I Were Sick In India. I would have no kind doctor to make me better, no clean bed to rest in quietly, no good hospital to go to if I were very ill.

Perhaps a red hot iron would be thrust into me to let out the pain.

Or a needle pierced into me to help me.

No medicine that really would help me would be given me, for the priests or doctors would not know what to give me.

I would know nothing about the Great Physician, who came not only to make sick people well but to save their souls.

What the Missionary Does. There would not be hospitals, if it were not for Jesus, and when His messengers go to carry the Gospel, they help heal sick folks.

Hospitals are built, the sick cared for and they are told of God.

Bibles are distributed, the Bible women tell stories of Jesus, tracts are given out to be taken back home.

Our Hospital at Guntur. One of the largest and finest hospitals in India is our Lutheran Hospital at Guntur. It is in charge of Dr. Anna Kugler.

There is a children's ward.

There is also a chapel, an inn where the relatives of sick folks can stay, and a Nurses' School and Home.

There were 403 children born in this hospital in one year, 1,866 patients cared for, and 552 operations were performed.

Our Hospital at Rajahmundry. There is another hospital—a Lutheran hospital in India.

It is located at Rajahmundry.

This was opened in 1911.

In 1921 there were 1,296 patients cared for.

Dr. Betty Nilsson took charge of this hospital in 1915.

Dr. Anna Kugler. A little girl nine years old heard a missionary speak.

She decided she wanted to be a missionary.

When she grew up she studied and worked hard to succeed in this plan. After many years she finally went to India, there to begin the work she had always wanted to do.

She had studied to be a doctor, and she learned that she could not only help the people of India by healing their bodies, but better still, she took to them the message of the Gospel.

The little girl who grew up to be a missionary is our own Dr. Anna Kugler, the head of our own Lutheran hospital in Guntur, India, who recently finished 40 years of work there.

Our Nurses. Missionary nurses do the

same work as nurses here, but they also help to preach the Gospel.

Here are a few of our nurses in India—Hilma Levine, Barbara De Remer, Metta K. Blair, Maida Meissner, Viola Stiegerwalt, Pauline Whitteker, and Elizabeth Szember.

They are all R. N.'s! which means Registered Nurses!

It also means Ready Now—for that is what they are—always ready to help the sick, and then tell them of the Great Healer who is ready to save them all.

Can I Be a Nurse? Is there need for more nurses?

There are not nearly enough to go 'round!

Not only in India, but in Africa and in the other lands to which our missionaries have gone, there is a great need for nurses —and doctors.

Even Junior boys and girls are thinking about what they would like to be when they grow up.

And many boys think that being a doctor is about one of the best things they can be.

Why not a doctor in India?

And the girls, many of them, are talking about being nurses.

They have always wanted to be a nurse!

Will they still keep on thinking about it, and when they are old enough, study to be one—and then go to India and not only be a nurse, but a messenger of the Cross?

WHAT TO DO.

At the close of the meeting, make some special plans for an offering for the medical work in India.

Money may be gathered and sent for the purchase of supplies, such as bandages, adhesives, etc. (do not have the Juniors bring the articles themselves).

It costs three dollars a day for the upkeep of our hospital in Chirala, India. Nine dollars will pay for the upkeep of Rajahmundry Hospital for one day, and thirteen dollars will pay for one day at Guntur. We have already spoken of a "special objective" for your Junior League—some special work you might do during the year. Last month we suggested the support of a child in a Japanese kindergarten. Here is another suggestion. Would your Junior League not like to keep one of our hospitals for a day, as its special work?

It is suggested to leaders that for the missionary topics they consult Lutheran *Woman's Work* and *The Foreign Missionary* from time to time, and gather bits of information, stories, and additional material, with which to enlarge the programs, and make the missionary meetings doubly interesting.

February 10, 1923.

SCHOOL DAYS—LUTHER AT MAGDEBURG AND EISENBACH

(Luther)

Matt. 6:25, 33.

(The series of Topics on Luther are based on the book "Martin of Mansfeld," which every Junior Superintendent should have. As the material is all within the pages of that book, a lengthy write-up of the topic is not needed here. This lesson is based on Chapter 2. See the hints under the topic for January 20 in the December REVIEW.)

PROGRAM.

Hymn—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Two verses.

Bible Drill—"Books of the Bible" Drill. See leaflet "Bible Drills" in packet.

Bible Story—Matt. 6, 25, 33—given by a Junior.

Sentence Prayers—That the Juniors may be faithful in their tasks at school, as was Luther, that they might have the spirit of Luther, to make use of all their advantages.

Topic—A Singer in the Street, by a Junior.

At the Home of the Cottas, by a Junior.

(Give the two stories of this chapter in advance to two Juniors and have them in the meeting tell the stories in their own words.

Closing—Business, Roll Call, Minutes, Offering, Lord's Prayer.

WHAT TO DO.

Arrange a number of questions on the chapter and arrange a Spelling Bee as suggested in last month's Luther Topic.

Review the stories of A Miner's Son, of last month.

Put another page in the Luther Book suggested last week.

To advertise the meeting the picture in the book can be used, with some appropriate announcement.

February 17, 1924.

DANIEL: THE BOY WHO FACED THE LIONS

(Bible)

Dan. 6:10.

(The Juniors at work, even as were these boys and girls of the Bible, is the theme running through all of the Bible Topics for the year.)

PROGRAM.

Hymn—"The Lord My Shepherd Is."

Business—Roll Call, Minutes, Offering.

Prayer—That the Juniors may be strong to stand for the right, that they may be brave when they are in danger of doing wrong, that they may fight all the lions which come in their way. (Sentence prayers by the Juniors.)

Bible Story—Dan. 6:10. Read by Junior.

Topic—Bible Story. Daniel Taken Captive, told by Junior (from Bible).

Readings by three Junior boys.

(1) Daniel refuses the meat and wine.

(2) Daniel is not afraid to pray.

(3) Daniel trusts in his God.

Bible Story—Daniel in the Lion's Den. Told by a Junior boy.

Paper—By a Junior girl. Some Lessons We Can Learn from Daniel.

(Assign week before and have a Junior prepare this paper.)

Some lions we all can fight.

Discussion by Juniors—(Superintendent leads by asking questions, and leading the Juniors to talk over the Topic.)

Closing—Business, Roll Call, Offering, Lord's Prayer.

THE TOPIC.

Daniel Refuses Meat and Wine. After Daniel was carried captive away from his home, he was taken to another land where the customs and manners were quite different from his own.

Here the boy was put into training with other lads in order to fit them for service to the king.

They were made fit in every way.

They were given meat to eat, and wine to drink, to strengthen them.

To these things the Jewish lad was not accustomed.

And he accordingly asked to be excused.

And when after a trial his overseer saw that he and his companions who likewise followed his example were stronger, ruddier and more healthy in every way, he was glad he had allowed Daniel to have not meat and wine, but the food which he was accustomed to.

Boys and girls sometimes have things put before them which are not good for them.

And too much of anything is not good for any boy or girl.

Too much candy spoils red cheeks.

Too much play and not any work makes a boy or girl lazy.

Too many good times are not good.

And when we are offered something which will harm us. we must, like Daniel, refuse it.

Daniel is Not Afraid to Pray. Sometime after Daniel got into trouble with some of the other young men who served the king. not believe in this God told the king.

They knew Daniel prayed to his God, the only true God, and some of them who did not believe in this God went to the king, and told him.

They persuaded the king to make a law that none were to pray but to his gods.

But Daniel was not afraid.

He went right on praying.

Sometimes boys and girls today are afraid to pray.

Even when in this land there is no danger of praying they are afraid.

They are perhaps not so much afraid, as they are ashamed.

For fear someone will laugh at them, they are afraid to pray.

For fear somone will think they are silly, they are afraid to pray.

Daniel Trusts in His God. Even though Daniel knew the king would keep the law he had made, and have him thrown into the den of angry lions, he was not afraid.

He feared nothing that might happen to him, because he knew his God would take care of him.

He trusted in Him.

Sometimes we are in danger.

Perhaps we have been very, very ill.

Perhaps, suddenly, we were snatched from an accident.

I wonder if boys and girls always trust in the Lord, and know He will take care of them, if they do trust in Him?

So many great men have trusted in God for their help.

A great many of the greatest missionaries did.

Martin Luther did.

In face of great danger, he was not afraid.

He was able to say "The Lord is My Refuge and Strength.

Some Lions We Have to Face. All the lions did not live in Daniel's day.

There are many roaming around right now, though we cannot see them.

They are ready to attack us and kill us.

There is one called "I-Don't-Care."

Do you know him?

When anything goes wrong, or we are corrected for something wrong we have done we say, "I Don't Care."

We don't care that we haven't done our best.

We don't care if our lessons are not ready.

We don't care if we don't get to Junior League.

Then there is a lion called Selfishness.

You all know him.

And his twin sister—Greediness.

Then there are the lions of Laziness, and of Tardiness, and of Carelessness and of Untruthfulness, and Rudeness, and Lying.

There are many more.

We must be on the watch for them all the time.

And there is just one way to kill them.

It is with the Sword of the Spirit.

In the Bible, we can find story after story and verse after verse that will help us overcome all these faults, and put them out of our lives.

What To Do.

Put the Juniors at work after this meeting, by having them try to improve some of their own faults in this way:

Start a Victory chart—or have them start one for themselves at home.

A sheet of cardboard with a pennant cut from bright paper should be given each Junior. At the top have printed—"My Victories." Have the Juniors write on this from time to time some victory they have achieved, viz., if they have been in the habit of loitering on the way home after school, and finally after a trial have succeeded in breaking this habit, let them give themselves a credit. Have them write just what fault they have overcome. If they fall back in some way, of course they lose a point. Talk over the great victories of the Bible from time to time, and suggest things to the children which they may fight. The boys will be interested particularly in keeping the chart.

February 24, 1924.

WHAT DOES THE LUTHER LEAGUE MOTTO MEAN AND HOW CAN WE FOLLOW IT?

"Of the Church—By the Church—For the Church"

Program.

Hymn—The Junior Rally Hymn, in Program packet on "Rally Day" leaflet.

Topic Study—By five Juniors:

What Does the League Motto Mean?
Of the Church.
By the Church.
For the Church.
How Juniors Can Follow the Motto.

One Verse Luther League Rally Hymn.

The Topic.

What the Motto Means. When the Luther League was organized, like all other societies, it needed some motto or slogan that would express its purpose.

Of course as you all know the Luther League is an organization of the Church, and it had to adopt some motto to show this.

The Luther League trains young people to work in the Church.

It teaches them about the Church.

It gives them work to do.

It trains them to be leaders.

But above all it is a part of the Church, and its chief work and purpose is to be a part of our United Lutheran Church, to carry out its teachings, and train the young people in the ways of the Church.

So the motto selected had to show this, and it does.

It is "Of the Church—By the Church—For the Church."

And it means that first, last and all the time the Luther League in its teachings, its work, its activities is a part of the United Lutheran Church, and works hand in hand with it.

Of the Church. The Luther League is of the Church.

It follows all the teachings of our Church.

The Lutheran Church stands for the open Bible.

So does the Luther League.

All of its teachings are based on the Bible, its Topics are Scriptural, that is they are founded on the Word of God.

Just as the United Church follows the teachings of its great founder, Martin Luther, so does the Luther League.

Just as Martin Luther when he climbed up the steps at Rome, and then walked down again, saying to himself "the just shall live by faith"; not by obeying the commands of any man, or by buying salvation, just as our Lutheran Church has this law as one of its first principles, so does the Luther League follow this in its teachings.

It is OF the Church.

For the Church. The Luther League is BY the Church.

It is a child of the Church.

Just as a child is directed by its parents, so the Luther League is directed by the Church.

In its principles, its teachings, its work, it is always ready to follow out the laws laid down by the Church.

For the Church. The Luther League is FOR the Church.

It is ever ready to help with all the work planned by the United Church.

The Lutheran Church needs men for the ministry and women for the work of the diaconate and it needs missionaries.

The Luther League is helping to supply these.

The United Church is growing in its missionary work.

The Luther League is helping in the work of China, Africa, Japan, India, and all the other fields.

The United Church sends out many pleas, and the Luther League is back of the Church, ready to help.

It is FOR the Church.

How Can Juniors Follow the Motto? Juniors can help live out this motto.

The Junior League is just as much a part of our League work as the Senior League.

Therefore, to be OF the Church, Juniors must be in the League—in the Junior League, then the Intermediate League, then the Senior League.

To be OF the Church, Juniors must learn all they can of the Church, they must study her history and works.

Are you taking part in the lessons about Martin Luther—"Martin of Mansfeld"?

Do you know the history of the beginnings of our Church?

Juniors can be FOR the Church by helping in all the work of the Church which is given them to do.

They can help the missionary work of the Church, by missionary offerings, they can help the whole Church by helping in the work in their own Church, and they can best do this as Juniors by being faithful to all the work in Sunday school and Junior League.

Juniors can be BY the Church by helping in every way to keep the Junior League a success, by making everyone in the congregation know that it is a part of the Church, that it is BY the Church.

WHAT TO DO.

Have the Juniors make a large motto.

Use a long strip of white paper or heavy white goods.

Have the Juniors cut out the motto in large letters, using the League colors, and put this up permanently somewhere in your room.

Start a Membership Campaign—appoint a Committee, and have them secure new members.

See that every child in the congregation is given the opportunity to become a member of the Junior League.

Junior rallies and conventions are another way of inculcating League spirit.

Arrange one, invite neighboring Leagues to participate in one with you, or write your Junior Chairman to arrange one.

Washington's Birthday is a good time to hold one; many successful rallies have been held on this day.

Write to the office for programs.

JUNIOR NEWS ITEMS.

Grace, N. S., Pittsburgh. Junior League is not only our oldest Junior League, it is one of the largest. It is divided into groups of ten, each group with one of the Juniors at the head. These "team leaders" are responsible for their groups, each group taking its turn in arranging and presenting the programs. Recently these team leaders met for their Third Annual Banquet. Most attractive folders of deep orange, gaily decorated with black cats, owls, bats and other Hallowe'en symbols announced the event. The menu consisted of sandwiches, pickles, olives, peanut brittle, cake, lemonade and apples. One of the Juniors acted as toastmistress, and two Juniors responded to "What the Junior League Has Done for Me," and "What the Junior League Can Do for Children of Other Lands." The Superintendent responded to the toast, "Sunbeams." Ask any of the Juniors who were there if they had a good time!

A Birthday Party. Grace Junior League, Shillington, Pa., celebrated its third birthday on November 4. The entire evening service was given over to the Juniors and a most creditable program rendered. A processional with the Juniors singing the Junior Rally Hymn, several anthems by a group of the children who formed a Junior choir, recitations and musical numbers, and a missionary exercise in costume, "The Song They Sang," were features. The program closed with the singing from memory of the entire hymn, "O Zion, Haste," and the salutes to the flags. Greetings were brought from various Junior Leagues and Superintendents of the District, and the Junior Chairman of the Luther League of America discussed Junior plans.

This Junior League meets every Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The offering on the first Saturday of each month is devoted to the benevolent work of the United Lutheran Church, and a missionary lesson is taught this first Saturday. The enrollment at present is 116. During the three years the offerings have amounted to $262.75.

A Junior Convention. On Luther's Birthday, while a splendid crowd of young men and women were meeting in the Brooklyn District Luther League Convention over 250 children from Manhattan and Bronx, Junior Leagues and Light Brigades, were gathered for the first Junior Convention in the history of New York Lutheranism. They met at Advent Church, Sister Pearly Lyerly, Deaconess at Advent, and Chairlady of the Junior Committee of the District Luther League, is largely responsible for the success of the venture. There was a processional led by Atonement Junior Choir, then salutes to the flags, a little lad recited the 67th Psalm for the Scripture Lesson, a little lass gave an address of welcome to which another little lass responded. An unfamiliar hymn was taught the children, and old favorites were sung with zest. Miss Helen Knubel told the story of Martin Luther's childhood, charming her listeners into breathless attention. Pastor Charles Trexler made a formal address delightfully informal and informing, the Atonement Junior choir sang the offertory while four little men lifted the offering for the Wilbur A. Herrlivh Home, and afterwards they all were invited down stairs to a spread of ice cream and cake, where they made the ceiling ring with yells and cheers and songs till it was time to go home. When these 250 tell about the good time they had, there will be 500 ready for the next Junior Convention! And yet there are still some who say children cannot do anything, and that children's work does not amount to much!

League News Items

SEND IN THE NEWS—The other Leagues want to know what YOU are doing. You want them to know of your activities. This department is a clearing house for ideas in entertainment and good works. If yours is not represented it is because we do not hear from you. All news items must be in the Editor's hands by the first of the month.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Sixty-second Annual Convention of the Pittsburgh District Luther League was held November 15 in the English Church of the Redeemer, Monaca, Pa., Rev. A. P. Lentz, Pastor. Business was taken care of at the morning session which opened at 10 o'clock. Officers were elected at the afternoon session as follows:

President—Mr. D. C. Hill, Pittsburgh.

Vice-president—Mr. W. D. Klindworth, Bellevue.

Secretary—Miss Hildegarde Schmid, Wilkinsburg.

Treasurer—Mr. C. H. Parker, Beaver Falls.

Statistician—Miss Mary Kornman, Freedom.

Delegates were elected to the State Convention, to be held in Lancaster, Pa., as follows: D. C. Hill, Pittsburgh, Pa.; W. D. Klindworth, Bellevue, Pa.; Miss Hildegarde Schmid, Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Miss Esther E. Martin, Rochester, Pa.; Rev. A. P. Lentz, Monaca, Pa.

Alternates elected were: Rev. G. Arthur Fry, Pittsburgh; Miss Mary Kornman, Freedom; Thomas M. Otte, Pittsburgh; Miss Dorothy Nichols, Evans City; Rev. P. M. Kinports, Monongahela.

More than 150 delegates attended the Convention, and the Bethel Lutheran Church, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa., was selected as the place for the next Semi-Annual Convention, which will be held in May, 1924.

A Grand Rally was held in the evening, and Rev. S. G. Dornblaser of Freeport, Pa., delivered an address on "God's Call to You."

YORK DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

Thursday, November 8, 1923

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH, YORK, PA.

The York District Convention was held Thursday, November 8, 1923, in Messiah Lutheran Church, York, Pa., Rev. W. E. Saltzgiver, Pastor, the theme being "In His Service, for What?" The Twenty-ninth Convention was the best ever held, with a representation of twenty-seven organizations out of a membership of thirty-three locals. The delegates registered numbered 134 persons. Sessions were held morning, afternoon and evening and were conducted by Mr. Enos Eberly, president. At the morning session the annual reports of the various officers and committees were presented. From the treasurer's report we note that our district has handled $1,500 during the year and are also glad to mention that our State and National dues are paid to January 1, 1924. The statistician reported as follows: 33 Senior, 2 Intermediate and 19 Junior Organizations, with a membership of 1012 Seniors, 65 Intermediate and 636 Juniors. Convention Life at the Pennsylvania State Luther League sessions was given by Miss Rosie Weaver, who spoke on the "Devotional Spirit," Miss Mary Boeckel on the "Social Side" and M. Haller Frey on "The Future Outlook of Our Young People's Work."

Conferences on Junior and Senior League work occupied the attention of the convention following the song service at the opening of the afternoon session. Mrs. M. Haller Frey conducted the conference on Junior work. The work is outlined by Mrs. Frey in four-fold—recreational, educational, social and spiritual—and many helpful hints were given the delegates for organizing and conducting Junior leagues. Rev. S. L. Hench conducted the conference on Senior organization efficiency. Pertinent questions as to how to properly conduct a Senior league were answered by several of the delegates and commented upon by Rev. Hench.

Inner Mission work was interestingly presented by Rev. Jerome M. Guss, D.D., Pastor Grace Lutheran Church, Red Lion. A birds-eye view of the work in all its phases were given. Briefly stated by the speaker, the work of Inner Missions is to apply the Balm of Gilead to the world's hurt—care for the needy, establish rescue homes, care for the defective and meet all the ills of social life. A resume of all the homes of the United Lutheran Church were given in detail by the speaker. Greetings from the State officers were given by W. H. Menges, Menges Mills.

The last speaker of the afternoon was Rev. Morvin E. Smith, Pastor of St. John's Church, New Freedom. The theme of his address was "In the Master's Service With an Aim."

The following newly elected officers were installed at the evening session:

President—Lester F. Bahn.

Vice-president—C. W. Depfer.

Secretary—Miss Helen Dittenhafer.

Assistant secretary—Miss Ruffina Swartz.

Treasurer—Miss Helen DeLaplane.

The new president announced the appointment of Rev. S. L. Hench, Dallastown, Pa., as chaplain and Wm. H. Jones as executive secretary.

The principal address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Robert D. Clare, Pastor of St. Mark's Church, Baltimore, Md. The subject of his address was "The Luther League's Supreme Objective." A large audience, composed of delegates and visitors, was in attendance at the evening session and closely followed the speaker in his forceful talk.

ALLENTOWN

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Allentown District was held on November 8 in St. Paul's Church, Catasauqua.

Routine business, an address, "Religion, the Greatest Element in Life," by the Rev. G. H. Kinard, and a paper, "Local Leagues," followed by a conference occupied the afternoon session.

At the evening session special music and the installation of officers was followed by an address, "The Lutheran Element in the American Life," by the Rev. John W. Richards, and a pageant, "The Cross in the Midst of the Year," by the members of St. Paul's Luther League.

LANCASTER DISTRICT

The Twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the Lancaster District League was held November 13 in Holy Trinity Church, Ephrata.

The morning session was devoted to business,

reports of the delegates to the State convention, and to an address, "The Luther League as a Spiritual Force," by Rev. V. L. Fulmer.

At the afternoon session there was an address, "The Lost Child," by the Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Allentown, Pa.; a presentation of the theme, "How Can the Lancaster District League be Made a Bigger Asset to the Church in Our District?" by the Rev. E. L. Leisey, and a Junior Conference, presented by the Junior Luther League of Ephrata, under the direction of the District Junior chairman, Mrs. Chas. K. Nies.

At the evening session, special music was a feature, and the speaker of the evening was the Rev. Carl Sundberg, president of Thiel College, who gave an address on "Lessons of Life."

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

The annual Fall Convention of the Philadelphia District Luther League was held October 23 in the Church of the Atonement. A mass chorus was a feature, and the speaker of the evening was the Rev. Carl A. Sundberg, president of Thiel College, Greenville, Pa.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

The Northeastern District Luther League held its fifty-eighth convention November 8, in St. John's Church, Honesdale.

The morning session was given over to business.

At the afternoon session, the topic, "Education—Part of the Three-fold Objective," was presented by Mrs. J. J. Neudoerffer, followed by discussion, and a round table educational conference was conducted by Mr. John Greiner, Jr., State president.

The evening service was featured by an address by the Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., executive director National Lutheran Council.

B. M. C. DISTRICT

The B. M. C. District Luther League held a successful Workers' Conference in Grace Church, Norristown, on Saturday afternoon and evening, October 13. The conference was opened with a devotional service in charge of the Rev. J. F. Kramlich. A round table, conducted by Mr. Luther Graeff, president of the District, brought forth many practical plans and suggestions. Questionnaires, containing a dozen questions covering the problems and work of the local League, had been previously sent out, and these were discussed by the delegates of the various Leagues. After supper, which was served in the social room of the church, the delegates listened to an inspiring and helpful address by Mr. Harry Hodges, general secretary of the Luther League of America, who spoke on "The Luther League's Objectives," emphasizing the individual leaguer's duty in studying the things of the Church (education—Bible study, topics, reading courses), in missionary activities (missions), and in consecrating their time, talents and life to the work of the Church (life service). The Conference closed with a social hour. This was the first event of this kind held in the district, and its success assures more to follow in the near future.

The Luther League of the Lancaster District held a very delightful rally recently in St. Paul's Church, Lititz, Rev. Sammel, pastor. At this time, the District Committee was very successful in securing Rev. L. C. Mangus, D.D., of Harrisburg, to address the meeting. Dr. Mangus, as usual delivered one of his stirring addresses. About 200 persons were present, from all sections of Lancaster, not including Lititz. During the social hour which followed, one person from each local league represented was called upon to make a few remarks, which were greatly enjoyed by all present. The week following this rally, the League at Lititz was officially organized.

Lancaster District also held a similar rally at Elizabethtown, Rev. J. F. Croman, pastor, about one month previously, which was also rather well attended.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT

The Twenty-third Convention of the Columbia District Luther League was held in Memorial Church, Astoria, Oregon, September 1 and 2.

At the opening session items of business of vital interest to each local league were considered. Two papers, "Our Reading Course," by Miss Agda Carlson, of Astoria, and "Our Devotional Meeting," by Miss Josine Grub, of the Dalles, were presented and discussed. A general discussion of the topic, "Bible Reading and Bible Study," was also conducted.

The afternoon session was given over to further business, and the consideration of two papers, "Missionary Meetings and Methods," by Miss Lena Gosch, of the Dalles, and "Missionary Study Class," by Miss Nellie Nosvald, of Portland. "Missionary Giving" was also discussed.

Luncheon was served in the church club rooms, and a social evening enjoyed by all in the Park Community House.

On Sunday, the Bible Class was taught by Miss Celeste I. Albin. The convention sermon was preached by Student Paul E. Schmitt, of Medford, whose subject was "Life Service as a Vocation."

At the evening service, the sermon was preached by the Rev. W. E. Brinkman, of Portland, who took as his subject "Life Service as an Avocation."

The following officers were elected: President, Wm. E. Salzmann, Portland; vice-president, Gus. J. Weigelt, The Dalles; recording secretary, Miss Emma Peterson, Vancouver; corresponding secretary, Miss Emma Peterson, Vancouver; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. H. Braman, Portland, and treasurer, Miss Victoria Westersund, Astoria.

The installation of these newly elected officers and the singing of the Luther League Rally Hymn closed the convention.

INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS

First Church—Goodwill service was held in this congregation on September 2. The pastor, Rev. W. C. Davis read the name of each young man and woman going away to school, stating the college each would attend, after making remarks about the interest manifested by both pastor and congregation in these young people. This was followed with the general prayer in which the young people were especially remembered, praying for their good health, clean living, and for high motives and thorough consecration. It made a very favorable impression upon the congregation, especially touching the hearts of the parents, and the pastor writes, that it is a recognition due to the young people themselves, and holds up before all our young people the importance of a college education. Twelve young men and women from this congregation in college this year, and think of it, four of the twelve are preparing for the ministry.

St. Mark's Church—The Luther League is busy raising funds for a set of chimes for the tower. Four of them each week visit the sick of the congregation.

IOWA

Corn-husking time again. Our Iowa corn crop is worth a hundred million more this year than last. How much more are our young folks worth? Will there be a crop this year, a harvest for the Church? Will our year of effort in League work go unrewarded, or will new workers for the Church develop as the result of our efforts?

MUSCATINE

The League has pledged two hundred dollars toward a large window, "The Good Shepherd," to be put in the new church, the corner stone of which was laid October 14.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION OF IOWA SYNOD.

Your Committee on Co-ordination would submit the following recommendations relative to the requests from the Luther League Executive Committee, presented graciously by Miss Anderson:

1. That Synod manifest by record and deed her special interest and co-operation with the Luther League of Iowa.
2. That the pastors of Synod make a special effort to attend her conventions.
3. That steps be taken to make each Luther League automatically a part of the State organization.
4. That the Synod appropriate to the State Luther League the sum of $50.
5. That the Synod express its hearty approval of the forward steps planned and taken by the State Luther League.
6. That the report of Miss Anderson be printed in the minutes of the Synod.
7. That the minutes of the next State Luther League Convention be printed in the Synodical minutes.

WASHINGTON

The Pacific Northwest District Luther League held its annual convention on September 28-29-30, 1923, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Seattle, Wash.

At the opening session, Friday evening, a splendid address on "Devotion," the theme of the convention, was delivered by Rev. P. W. H. Frederick.

Saturday session opened at 9 a. m. with registration of delegates. A review of the past year's work was given by Mr. Phil K. Erickson, president.

Interesting features of the afternoon session were: a paper written by Miss M. Beistel on "Our Objectives—Education, Missions and Life Service," an informal presentation of Luther League Literature—the hymnal, topic, review, handbook, Lutheran, etc. Upon their presentation by the Convention Committee, many noteworthy resolutions were adopted for the League's guidance through the coming year. Election of officers followed after which delegates were taken on a sightseeing tour over Seattle's boulevards.

A rousing social was the evening's entertainment.

The Third Annual Convention closed Sunday with an inspiring sermon by Rev. J. P. Beasom entitled "A Tale of Life" in the morning, and a model Luther League meeting in the evening.

NEW YORK

BROOKLYN AND LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

The Brooklyn and Long Island League held their semi-annual convention November 10 at the Evangelical Church of the Covenant.

At the afternoon session business was conducted, a short service in commemoration of Luther's birthday, a talk on "The Three-fold Objective of the State League," by the Rev. Raymond E. Finehout, State president; a talk on Brooklyn's New Inner Mission Center, by the Rev. Frederick B. Clausen, and a period devoted to Two Minute Resumes of the Luther League Reading Course—each book presented by one of the Leagues—formed the program.

A banquet, with the singing of the District's Marching Song, snappy toasts on the State Convention held at Buffalo, and presentation of banners was followed by the evening service where the speaker was Mr. Nobori Asaji, who who spoke on the theme "Japan Thanks You."

The Convention closed with the singing of the Luther League Rally Hymn.

OHIO

SPRINGFIELD

A meeting of all the Luther Leagues of Springfield, eight in number, was held in the First Church on October 11, at which time a permanent organization, to be known as The League Federation, was formed. The organization has for its purpose the combining of the Leagues of the city to more effectively carry on Luther League work and the uniting of all the societies in a larger program of service. The president is Mr. Walter Hildebrand.

The Luther League of the First Church of Findlay during the past year has raised $100 for the repair fund of the church. One very interesting feature of the year's work was a visit to the Carey Luther League. About four car loads of Leaguers motored to Carey for the six-thirty service. There was a splendid representation of the First Church; some remained for the evening service.

A very paying and interesting part of the work was our "Trip Around the World." We had six homes decorated in the colors of six different nations, namely: Ireland, Japan, England, Italy, France, America, at the church. Food characteristic of the country was served. The boats (cars) left the church at intervals of sixteen minutes conveying people to the different countries. This "Trip Around the World" was well patronized and the travelers or tourists were greatly pleased. This was a great novelty to the people of this city. Other churches are going to try it after our success.

The First Luther League is now supporting a child in the mission school in Africa. The up-keep of a child in Africa amounts to only $25 a year. These are a few of the many things this League did during the past year.

OHIO VALLEY DISTRICT

The Ohio Valley District Luther League met in convention in St. John's Church, Parkersburg, W. Va., November 16.

At the afternoon session routine business was transacted, and a Question Box on League Work was conducted by the District president, W. H. Poske. A Conference on the Devotional Meeting was conducted by Harry Hodges, general secretary of the Luther League of America.

The evening session was featured by an address by Mr. Hodges, and a pageant, "Luther's Coat-of-Arms," presented by the Parkersburg League.

FINDLAY

The three Luther Leagues of Findlay, Ohio, held a joint devotional meeting at the Trinity Lutheran Church. It was in the form of a thanksgiving meeting, and a good program was enjoyed by all who attended. They also are planning to sing carols Christmas Eve to the shutins.

The First Luther League of Wapakoneta, Ohio, sent a package of magazines to the Ohio Penitentiary. They also cleaned and repaired some old hymnals and sent them to a mission in Springfield.

A new Luther League has been formed at LaFayette, Ohio. Miss Ruth E. Fulga was elected president. Their church is without a pastor.

The Luther League of Bethany Church, Lima, had the Men's Glee Club of Wittenberg College give a concert in the Central High School auditorium last spring. It was well attended and netted the League a good sum for their treasury.

On Whitsunday this League presented to the church a pair of altar candelabra at a cost

of eighty dollars. The presentation was made by Miss Gladys Baker. About a year ago they presented an altar cross to the Church at a cost of forty-five dollars. They expect to present other altar pieces in the near future.

The First Luther League of Findlay, Ohio, is planning to make gifts to the children at the Oesterlin Orphans' Home.

TOLEDO

The Luther League of Toledo, Ohio, have formed a union known as the "United Luther League of Toledo," in order that we might do more effective work along the lines of education, missions and life service. We have planned to meet on the evening of the third Wednesday of each month. We are aiming to have our Leagues reach the "Standard of Excellence" and in our first meeting we took up for discussion this standard. A short time at each meeting will be used to review a book of the Reading Course, and we are hoping that each League will have some members who will complete the Reading Course for the year. We have one hour for our meeting and one hour for a real social time.

NEW JERSEY

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Luther League of New Jersey was held in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Weehawken, October 23 and 24, 1923. The convention keynote, "Life Service," was presented in an address by Rev. Harold S. Miller, of Brooklyn, N. Y., former president of the New York State Luther League. In this address he pointed out that the signs of the times show that we are living on the surface of life, not in the depths, that the Church of Christ is the greatest force today if she will exert it.

Addresses on Life Service as a Vocation were presented to the men by Rev. C. Schuchard, of Brooklyn, and to the women by Sister Grace Lauer from the Drexel Motherhouse of Philadelphia. The actual branches of life service open to Luther Leaguers were forcefully brought to us in these addresses as well as in "Life Service as an Avocation," by I. Searles Runyon, of New York City.

In the evening address of October 24, Dr. Leitzell, president of New York Synod, gave an earnest and stirring message on the opportunity of the Church with "The Luther League in Worship."

Offerings were taken at the convention to support a protégé in India.

The general secretary, Mr. Harry Hodges, made us feel in what a critical state the New Jersey Luther League is, however the unanimous sentiment was in favor of a unified progress for the coming year.

The new officers elected are: Rev. Dorr E. Fritts, of Oldwick, president; Rev. O. L. Schrieber, Jersey City, vice-president; Marion C. Waldron, Oldwick, recording secretary; Miss H. Premier, of Weehawken, corresponding secretary, State secretary; Miss Dorothy Hilge, Weehawken, treasurer.

The president and extension committee are planning a State wide visitation campaign to all Lutheran young peoples societies, as commissioned at the Convention. All notices of special meetings, rallys and desired dates should be sent to the president, as far ahead as possible. Watch for notices in the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW of our forward plans as they develop. To all concerned: "Watch us grow."

The Southern District Luther League of New Jersey held its Fall Rally on September 12, 1923, in Epiphany Church, Camden.

The speaker was the Rev. C. P. Swank, of Philadelphia, who took as his theme "The Secrets of Service."

ASBURY PARK LEAGUE

The newly elected president of the State Luther League, the Rev. D. E. Fritts, of Oldwick, N. J., made the first visit in his District, Monday evening, December 3, when he accepted the invitation of the Asbury Park League to be present at their Rally meeting. The meeting was held in the social room of the church.

Rev. Fritts spoke with high regard of the activities of this League and urged strong co-operation with the State League.

The devotional meeting was in charge of the Rev. Henry C. Kraft, Pastor of the Church, and the business session was presided over by Miss Bess Coble, vice-president.

A Christmas box is being packed and sent to the Good Shepherd Home at Allentown, Pa. Plans were also carried out for an active winter program.

Advent League is the oldest in the State, it having been established some thirty years ago. It has the honor of having one State president elected from its membership, Mr. Louis Van Gilluwe.

The officers are president, Russell Coble; vice-president, Bess Coble; secretary, Mildred Weber, and treasurer, Stella Coble.

VIRGINIA

The Luther League Convention of the Synod of Virginia will meet in Richmond, Va., at the First English Lutheran Church, January 5, 6 and 7, 1924, the first meeting to begin at 9:30 a. m., January 5. Each League in the Synod is urgently invited to send two or more delegates to this convention. Leagues having more than fifty members are entitled to an additional delegate for every twenty-five additional members of major fraction thereof. Each League will please notify Frances L. Murphy, 100 North Linden Street, Richmond, Va., not later than December 20 the number of delegates it will send, names of delegates, date and hour of their arrival in Richmond, in order that entertainment may be provided for them.

MARYLAND

The District of Columbia District League, composed of the Leagues of Washington and vicinity, held their quarterly meeting in Zion Church, Washington, on December 4. The speakers of the evening were Miss Mary Markley, who brought greetings from the Board of Education, and urged the co-operation of the Luther Leagues in student work; Miss Bertha Heiges, the new Inner Mission secretary of the Washington Lutheran Alliance, who spoke on plans for Inner Mission work in the city, and Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse, whose theme was "Practical Methods for Making the League Meetings Attractive." Routine business was transacted and a social hour followed.

BOOK REVIEWS

JUNIOR CLASS MANUAL. Rev. G. J. Muller. (United Lutheran Publication House, 50 cents.) A book of programs and material for Weekday Church Schools, containing Bible History Lessons, Books of the Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, Memory Psalms, Memory Hymns and Prayers, and a story of Luther. A text book for the child for home study. Contains material which all Juniors should know, and which might well be incorporated in some of the Junior League programs, and taught in the devotional period.

THE MINISTER AND HIS PARISH. Henry Wilde Foote. (The Macmillan Co.) Here is a book that should be in the library of every minister and Church councilman. It discusses local Church problems from the following standpoints: The Call and Settlement of the

Minister; The Rights and Duties of the Minister; The Legal Organization of the Parish; The Working Organization of the Parish; The Parish Records; The House of Worship; The Parish House; The Parsonage; The Church Finances; The Minister's Salary and Fees; The Organist and Choir; Church Advertising; The Church and the Stranger; The Ethics of the Ministerial Profession; The Liberty of the Pulpit—all of which is treated in a sane and practical way.

THE LUTHERAN LESSON COMMENTARY FOR 1924. The book this year is fuller and better than ever. No teacher should be without it.

TALKS TO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS. John M. Holmes. (The Macmillan Co.) Here is a book which ought to be in the hands of every teen-age boy. Parents and teachers would do well to number it among their Christmas gifts. It treats *boy* problems in a *manly* way.

"THE JESUS OF OUR FATHERS." By John Walter Good, Ph.D.

The supreme purpose of this book is to commend Jesus Christ to the world and to promote a stronger faith in Him as the Son of God and the Savior of men. The reader's attention is focused in this study upon Christ Himself, Who is self-revealed in His character and teachings as He lived, labored and taught among men. The book by actual reaction accomplishes the purpose for which it is written. In addition to that the subject-matter is so presented that one can more clearly see the purpose, plan and organization of Christ's entire life. It also adds to one's understanding of the Savior's life since it presents the facts of the New Testament in their relation to what has gone before and in their relation to the events which followed.

A. J. BEIL.

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TELLING A FAIRY STORY

The following short story by William Herbert appeared a few weeks ago in a weekly paper published in Munich, Germany. In whimsical bedtime story style it describes an angle of the desperate situation in which families are finding themselves throughout large circles of the educated middle classes. Its simplicity is its pathos.

"As evening draws near, the pale, weak children draw together in a circle around the mother: 'Mother, tell us a fairy story.'

"And the mother tells a story. 'Once upon a time there was a man, who met seven other men. These men carried a sausage many yards long.'

"'Sausage?' said the children. 'Mother, what is that?'

"The mother explained: 'Sausage is a roll made out of pressed meat. . . .'

"'Meat?" said the children. 'Mother, what is that?"

"The mother sighed. She then continued: 'As the man traveled further, he came to a high mountain, made completely out of sugar. . . .'

"'Sugar?' said the children. 'Mother, what is that?'

"The mother sought to make it clear to them. 'Sugar is something very sweet. . . .'

"'We have never had anything very sweet,' said the weak, pale children. And the mother went on with the story again. 'Around the mountain flows a mighty stream —entirely of milk. . . .'

"'Milk?' said the children. 'Mother, what is that?'

"'That is a drink,' she explained in a quiet voice—'from which one grows strong and healthy. . . .'

"The children were silent, and the mother went on with the story: 'In the milk stream great big white loaves of bread were swimming. . . .'

"'Bread?' cried the children, and stretched out their arms. 'Bread! Mother, give us bread!'

"Then the mother laid her head in her hands and cried bitterly."

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ARE YOU QUALIFIED

to join a church? Many think they are not. In some cases the very ground given as a reason for not joining is the best possible ground for uniting with a Church.

Personal goodness does not qualify us for joining the Church of Christ. A man must have a better, more enduring claim than that if he would be received into the church as a worthy associate of other church members. Yet some good people are actually remaining outside the church today because they hold to the mistaken notion that goodness is the test for membership. A young man who gives freely to church work, but who refuses to connect himself with the church that he largely supports, said the other day that he had "never seen the time yet when he was good enough to join the church." He never will. Nor has he ever seen the time when any one else he knows was good enough to join the church. If, indeed, he thought he had attained to that standard of goodness, what assurance would he have that tomorrow he would continue to hold to it? He misses the fact that his present conviction of personal unworthiness is his first qualification for church membership. The next question is whether he believes that Jesus Christ is able to save that which was lost. If he does, then his only rational and honorable course is to give himself unconditionally and publicly into the keeping of that Saviour. This is "joining the church." The church is not a collection of "good" people; still less a collection of people who think they are good. It is a body of persons who know that they are, in and of themselves, hopelessly evil, and who because of this conviction have thrown themselves on to the love and mercy of an omnipotent Saviour, knowing that their only hope for salvation and half-way decency lies in Him. They find comfort and strength in banding themselves together in the name of their common Saviour. Is it because one counts himself beneath these persons, or above them, that he will not join the church?

DUES

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This is not a new idea now, for most churches are following the "every member canvass" plan. All the arguments and facts in favor of this plan for church members hold for League members also. Small sums paid frequently and regularly soon accumulate and work no hardship on the payers.

When the budget has been worked out and the member's subscriptions secured, the treasurer's most important job begins; that is, to get the money. This is where most Leagues, particularly most treasurers, fail. To keep the members informed of what is needed and how they stand on their promise to pay, as well as to take and keep a record of their payments, is the business of the treasurer and the finance committee.

These folks, and they need not all be boys, by any means, will have to possess, cultivate and practice patience and persistence, the twins that keep the financial slate clean. Any member who knows himself to be in arrears—and if he doesn't know, that is the fault of the treasurer—ought to begin to dig deep into his pockets and get ready to pay whenever he meets one of these collectors. He will do it and smile, too, if the collector and committee handles its work right. The best treasurer I ever saw in action was a young fellow who made it his business to keep the members of his League reminded that his job was to get the money they owed to their League, and yet he was one of the most popular members. It is not an easy job, but a most important one, which the treasurer holds.

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LUTHER LEAGUE TOPICS

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congregation, a Home Missionary can just have the best kind of a feeling in his heart to find a new Lutheran family, or run across a clerk in a department store who comes from a big, old church back home. To see a church grow under his own eyes—to work into its organization and spirit his own ideals—to have the joy of establishing an institution that he can look back upon as long as he lives as literally part of his life—these are some of the real joys in a Home Missionary's life.

And Oh! the friendships that the Mission Pastor and members of the mission can develop with each other. It is no wonder so many mission congregations lead their synods in per capita contributions to benevolence. Everybody can know everybody else intimately. It is just one big family. And then after sometimes many years of struggling, to dedicate a beautiful new house to the Lord, brings as much joy to the pastor's and members' hearts as is in a new bride and groom when they go into their new home to do housekeeping.

I know a good many people who have spent almost their entire lives in mission churches. They love the work. They like to be where they can see the Lord's work prosper through their consecration. They can see it grow almost as easily as they can see spring grass grow over night or after a rain.

Let's make this program acquaint our Leaguers with the real joys of the Home Missionary even more than his hardships.

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VERY UNETHICAL

"Smile!" commanded the photographer. "You look too mournful."

"But I'm going to use this in my business advertising," the subject protested.

"Well, don't you think it would be better for your business if you didn't look so solemn?"

"No," was the surprising reply. "Who in thunder would hire a grinning undertaker?"—*Good Hardware.*

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Professor (giving exam.): "Does any question embarrass you?"

Bright Student: "Not at all, sir. Not at all. The questions are quite clear. It is the answers that bother me."—*Penn State Froth.*

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Maid: "Oh, Madam! the master is lying unconscious in the hall with a large box beside him and crushing a paper in his hand!"

Mistress: "Then my new hat has arrived at last."—*London Opinion.*

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"What are you doing for the crippled soldiers?"

"Binding up their wounds with red tape."—*Life.*

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"I hear you've been a week on jury duty."

"Yes."

"Tedious, wasn't it?"

"It was certainly trying."—*Boston Transcript.*

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"Tell me," said the solicitor for the prosecution, "were you present at the inception of the altercation?"

"No, sir," replied the witness, "but I was there when the fight started."—*London Tit-Bits.*

BOOK REVIEWS

LITTLE JOURNEYS IN HIS KINGDOM. For beginners in Church History. By C. A. Wendell. Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill. Price, cloth, 50 cents. An excellent book on Church History, telling in a simple way the foundation and growth of the Church. The book is divided into three parts: the Early Period, the Middle Ages, and the Modern Period. It contains the names of many great leaders of the Church, whose lives might be made the subject of further study. Four maps are also included.

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